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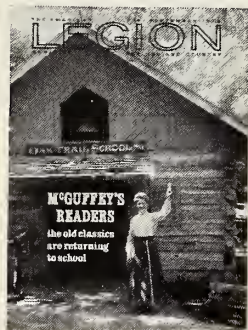


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Letters to the Editor

SIR: Do big carrier fleets still make sense?

There is a doubt about the ability of the big carriers to survive attack from land-based aircraft and to project air power against the Soviet Union from nearby locations.

It is time the American people knew the truth—that new \$2.5 billion carriers will be, in a nuclear war, sitting ducks, because Soviet officers will know precisely where they are located if and when they press the catastrophic nuclear button. Furthermore, they would be easy targets for land-based airplanes, and missiles on vessels 50 miles or more away.

I am speaking as one who believes the most vital issue confronting the American people is to strengthen our nuclear defense so no nation will ever dare attack the United States. I am not asking for superiority, parity or equality, but merely sufficiency. To achieve it, we should build immediately sufficient cruise missiles and their means of delivery and neutron bombs for the NATO allies to stop the overwhelming 3-to-1 Soviet tank superiority.

If we do not provide neutron bombs, it would be an invitation to the Soviets to attack our allies in Western Europe, which would immediately drag us into war.

HAMILTON FISH
New York, NY

Editor's Note—The writer was a U.S. Representative from New York, 1921-1945, and is a pioneer of The American Legion.

SIR: Let's develop the neutron bomb, but this time let's be sure we keep its secrets for ourselves.

JOHN M. ROOT, JR.
Baton Rouge, LA

SIR: The "Yankee Doodle Dandy" story in the July issue contains an error. George M. Cohan did not receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. This highest decoration conferred by the United States is awarded in the name of Congress to a person who while enlisted in the Armed Forces, in action distinguishes himself by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life and above and beyond the call of duty.

GEORGE F. MOYNIHAN, JR.
Palo Alto, CA

Editor's Note: Thank you, Mr. Moynihan. Congress authorized a special medal for George M. Cohan in 1940.

SIR: I cannot agree with those who argue that young Americans should be excused from repaying government education loans. They signed a contract, as I did when I received a VA home loan in 1952. That loan was repaid, even though it meant sacrifices.

HAROLD A. STILLWELL
Roswell, NM

SIR: My compliments to The American Legion on its defense of veteran's preference and its opposition to Civil Service Commission attempts to weaken it. How can commission members fairly and without bias administer present laws when they are on record opposing them?

THOMAS G. BULMAN
Elmhurst, NY

SIR: "Night in June" (June issue) stirred memories of the 30th Engineering Bn in World War II, one of the Army's largest map-producing units. I remember Algeria where we produced combat maps of Yugoslavia, Austro-Hungary and Czechoslovakia for almost a year. If those maps had been used how different the world would be today.

ALBERT R. KOEHLER
Berwick, PA

SIR: I cannot understand those who defend the illegal alien. That person is here because he violated the law. Are we to provide him with food stamps, unemployment checks, etc.? It's ridiculous!

SHELDON RUMBOLZ
Harrah, WA

SIR: I suggest a volunteer Junior National Guard (age 16-18). Finding one's self and having an interest in an occupation at an early age brings satisfaction and success in life.

BEN A. HUDDLESTON
Anaheim, CA

SIR: Congress is fixing it so the senior citizen can't afford Social Security taxes if he keeps on working, nor can he live on the "benefits" if he retires.

MRS. DON BOYLES
Clarksburg, WV

SIR: I enjoyed December's article on Martha Washington at Valley Forge. She was my great-great-great-grandmother. I'm past 80 (4th Division, WWI) and I could be her closest living descendant.

F. B. ELLIOTT
Jacksonville, TX

SIR: Thank you for using my poem "Arlington" in your May issue, but you misspelled my name!

SAMUEL E. SPROUL
Seattle, WA

Editor's Note: We apologize, Mr. Sproul. But by any name, it was a fine poem.

Legion Again Will Play Key Role in Education Week

FOR THE 58th consecutive year, The American Legion will play a key role in the observance of American Education Week Nov. 12 to 18.

The theme of the observance this year is "Education Can Turn Things Around." Legion post commanders are urged to take an active role in assuring the success of the observance within their respective communities.

The theme itself has a two-fold purpose. First, it is a message to young people in school that the suc-

cess of their future greatly depends on the amount of education they are able to obtain, and second, it is a reminder to all that education is necessary for a better understanding of ourselves, others and the world around us.

The history of American Education Week began following World War I when Legionnaires declared war on illiteracy and lack of physical fitness. Across America, Legion posts became part of a great effort to take

education to all our people. The National Education Association, the U.S. Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers since have joined the Legion as cosponsors of American Education Week.

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Top photo shows Father Frederic P. Gehring, a former U.S. Navy chaplain, with Patsy Li during her graduation at Walsingham Academy, Williamsburg, VA. Bottom photo shows a reunion between Father Gehring and Patsy Li with Mrs. Frank S. Wright (the former Eleanor Bumgardner) at left

JOHAN R. was one of those throwbacks to the Western heroes of yore—a strong, silent type who prided himself on his physical conditioning and would never admit to pain. When he began to feel rumblings in his chest while at his job in a defense plant, he dismissed it as “just a little indigestion.” He went to the plant nurse, apologized for taking her time over a little matter like indigestion and asked for some antacid tablets. The nurse, however, pressed him closely about his symptoms, concluded they were a sign of something more serious and insisted on his being examined by a doctor. In a short time, John R. was on his way to the hospital. The “indigestion” was actually the onset of a heart attack. The prompt emergency treatment insured his survival and, eventually, complete recovery.

As far as the nurse was concerned, the case was routine. But the employee—having learned in the hos-

all night, praying. She remained motionless until the morning when, incredibly, she began to stir. When Dr. Delaney examined her later, he shook his head in wonderment: “As a doctor, I can scarcely believe this, but it looks like she’s going to live.”

Now a strange situation existed on Guadalcanal. There were thousands of American fighting men—and one little girl. The Marines and Seabees who visited her in the Padre’s tent called her a Thanksgiving gift because she had come to them a little before Thanksgiving. But she was a strange child who never smiled and uttered hardly a sound. She showed no emotion except during aerial and artillery bombardments when she went into uncontrollable hysterics. When shells landed close by, they protected her with their bodies. To calm her, they would sing, dance and clown for her. Her entertainers included Barney Ross, the former boxing champion turned Marine war

Guadalcanal's Miracle Girl

pital of the many cases of coronary attacks which prove fatal—felt it was something of a miracle. Had he known the background of the nurse, he would have placed even more stress on that word “miracle.”

Patsy Li Fasano, a soft-spoken and self-effacing professional nurse who never talks about her past, was the central figure of a true-life adventure so astounding that it too has been characterized a miracle.

The first chapter unfolded on Guadalcanal 36 years ago. Japanese troops suspected that residents of a native village were feeding information to the Americans and they massacred the entire village. Only one person survived—a girl between four and five years old who had been brutally beaten around the head, stabbed with a bayonet and left for dead in a ditch. Three Melanese natives from another village found her and brought her to Rev. Frederic P. Gehring, Catholic chaplain to U.S. naval forces on the jungle island and popularly known as the “Padre of Guadalcanal.”

“She was burning up with fever and appeared to be in a deep coma,” Father Gehring recalls. “I sent out a hurry call to Dr. James Delaney, our Navy medico, and he confirmed my worst fears. He told me, ‘I can’t see any hope for her but you can always try praying to the Great Physician!’”

The Padre stayed with the child

hero, Buddy Brennan of Guy Lombardo’s orchestra, and two Hollywood personalities in Navy uniform, actor Robert Montgomery and producer Gene Markey (now a retired Rear Admiral).

The Marines insisted this orphan of war had to have a name. All sorts of names were thrown up for grabs and discarded. Then Father Gehring decided to call her “Patsy Li.” “Patsy” was the closest first name he could think of for “Pao-Pei,” which meant “Little Pet” in the Mandarin dialect he had learned as a pre-war missionary to China. “Li” was his own Chinese nickname. The Chinese couldn’t pronounce Gehring. Since he wore a Lee hat they gave him that name, spelled Chinese-style.

The child remained with her American friends through the most crucial weeks of the fighting. When the Marines and Army units gained firm control of most of the island, a plane was provided so the Padre could take the waif out of the war zone. He flew her to an island in the New Hebrides where French Marist nuns ran a crude little orphanage. They agreed to rear the child.

“She cried so pitifully when I handed her over to Père Jean, the head of the Marist mission, I almost couldn’t bear to leave her,” says Father Gehring. “But she had to have a home somewhere.”

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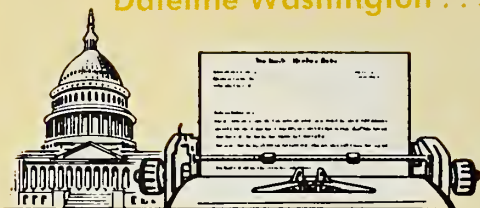
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There's been a flurry of activity on Capitol Hill about taking steps to meet the latest threat to the nation's and citizen's purses: robbery by computer. The computer, with its capability to store, retrieve and process information at split-second speed, has ushered in a new era of ingenious crime, says Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-CT).

He tells of one case in which a felon, while in prison, defrauded the Internal Revenue Service of \$25,000 in tax refunds through computer fraud. Worst example of swindling by computer occurred in the \$2 billion Equity Funding Corp. scandal a few years ago. More than 64,000 dummy life insurance policies were written on nonexistent individuals and skillfully programmed into the company computer before the rip-off was discovered.

Senator Ribicoff's Governmental Affairs Committee has been investigating the bizarre and imaginative techniques of the thieves who steal by computer, and is calling for a tough law aimed at harshly punishing this new breed of crooks.

About 25 cents out of every dollar revenue collected annually by the state and local governments today comes from the U.S. Treasury as grants, gifts and similar aid. In 10 years, the federal portion of state-local income has doubled, and some Washington observers feel that the trend is further centralizing authority in Washington to the weakening of local controls.

The flow of power to the Nation's Capital began in the 1930's with the rise of the New Deal. The movement has steadily accelerated as states and communities competed for federal largess to help underwrite their mass transit systems, public housing projects, welfare and educational programs, etc.

Recent passage of Proposition 13 in California, where taxpayers rebelled against rising costs of local government, is already winning popular support in other regions. What concerns some Washington observers is that as com-

munities cut their local taxes and services, they may seek more help from, and thus make themselves more dependent on, the federal bureaucracy.

Since the Vietnam War era, Congress has been increasingly limiting the authority of the White House, not only in the conduct of foreign affairs but also in domestic matters. Three Presidents—Johnson, Nixon and Ford—often complained about the restraints on their freedom of action, but only President Carter has gone so far as to say he plans to do something about it—maybe.

Over the past four years, Congress has attached a "legislative veto" to some 50 newly-enacted laws.



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CARTER POLICY

"It seems bent on proving to the world that it is possible to lose friends without influencing one's enemies." Editor Theo Sommer, DIE ZEIT, West Germany.

FACING FACTS

"We have to face up to the fact that the automobile is no longer a good means of urban transportation—at least not in the one-on-one way we like to use it." Transportation Secretary Brock Adams.

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SOVIET CHOICES

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Russia's Left Hook?

Map indicates the encroachment of the Soviet Union in South Asia and East Africa which, if completed, would endanger the Free World's access to the Suez, the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean

MAPS OF Asia and Africa look pretty much the same, whether they hang in the Kremlin, on the walls of Central Intelligence Agency offices in Langley, VA or in the Office of Naval Intelligence in the Pentagon.

And it wouldn't be surprising in this summer of 1978 if the same sweeping arrow or claw or sickle was superimposed on the maps in all three offices.

The American humiliation in Southeast Asia five years ago spiked "the domino theory" as a chic con-

versational gambit in diplomatic parlors, but a pattern is emerging in a nervous Persian Gulf and a strife-torn Africa that may well revive the term.

It is a pattern of ever-increasing violence. And suspicions are mounting that it may be violence approved, if not engineered, in Moscow.

From Afghanistan's cloud-hidden peaks on the Soviet Asian frontier, southwestward a pattern curves in an arc that ends on the Atlantic shores of Cuban-garrisoned Angola. In between lie the rebellious Baluchistan

provinces of Iran and Pakistan; the warm and tanker-choked waters of the Persian Gulf; the mysterious, sparsely-populated but enormously rich state of the United Arab Republic and Oman—often called the "California" of the Arab world; North and South Yemen; Somalia; Ethiopia; Kenya; Tanzania, and Zambia.

Not one could be called a household word in the United States. Even in our world-shrinking jet age only a tiny percentage of Americans have ever set foot in any of the nations

that could comprise the "left hook" or one part of a giant pincers aimed at the industrialized West.

But with increasing regularity, each of these countries pushes its way onto evening television news shows and the front pages of our newspapers. And almost without exception, the news is bad.

It hasn't happened overnight.

It's been more than two years since a Vietnam-weary Congress rejected pleas from President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to thwart the Soviet-backed, Cuban-manned victory of pro-Communist forces in mineral-rich Angola.

Last April the other end of the "hook" took shape as pro-Soviet military forces seized power in Afghanistan after a thundering barrage from Russian-supplied tanks and artillery demolished the palace and much of the downtown area of the capital city of Kabul.

According to knowledgeable Washington observers and commentators like *Foreign Policy Magazine*, the Afghanistan 'coup took President Carter and his national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski by surprise. The coup, coupled with Soviet agitation against the neutron bomb (warhead) in Europe—the path of Russia's traditional right hook—is credited with major policy reappraisals within the White House vis-à-vis the Soviet Union, particularly in southern Asia and black Africa.

American determination stiffened in May when Cuban-trained rebels, operating from bases in Angola, sought to grab Zaire's copper-rich Shaba province in a blood bath that saw scores of whites killed. European technicians fled the region that used to be called Katanga. American planes flew in French and Belgian paratroops to restore order and push out the rebels, but the future of Zaire now hinges on its ability to revive its copper industry.

There also have been signals that Washington is warning Moscow against any escalation of the civil war which threatens Rhodesia on the eve of its October elections.

Concern also stretches northward along what appears to be a Russian arc.

Earlier this year Cuban "volunteers" played a decisive role in Ethiopia's military victory over Somalia on the "horn" of Africa. They have since turned their attention to the Eritrean rebels who are fighting the leftist Ethiopian army leaders who deposed the late Emperor Haile Selassie.

Many veteran diplomats view Ethi-

opia as the bellwether of Moscow's African strategy. Russia has probed for influence in the ancient country, once known as Abyssinia, for more than two centuries. It was first singled out by the czars who conjured up a kinship to Abyssinia's Coptic christianity.

Tanzania has been in the leftist camp for more than a decade, despite Western blandishments to President Julius Nyerere, a man who has courted Moscow, Peking, London and Washington.

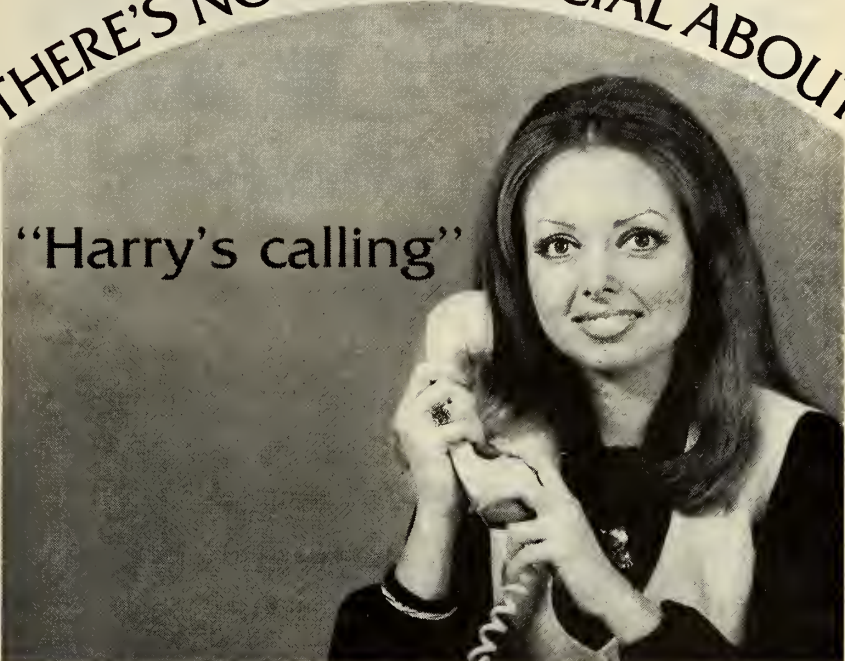
Nestled between Ethiopia, Tanzania and the Hitler-like Uganda of the despot Idi Amin, Kenya is in-

creasingly vulnerable despite its close bond to Britain. Its trade ties with its neighbors have all but disappeared amid political tension, and an aging government sits in Nairobi. Kenya's port of Mombasa, paired with Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania and Beira in Mozambique, could literally give the Russian Navy control over the African littoral of the Indian Ocean, a prospect that turns U.S. admirals gray.

Leaping across the Arabian Gulf the picture does not improve. Aden has been a Russian redoubt since the British withdrawal in the 1960's. This spring a pro-Soviet military faction,

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allegedly supported again by Cuban volunteers, overthrew a "moderate" leftist regime, executed its president and clamped a vise on the Arizona-size country. Rep. Paul Findley (R-IL) one of the few members of Congress who has studied the situations in North Yemen and South Yemen closely, calls the Soviet victory in South Yemen "a strategic disaster" for the United States. South Yemen has sensitive borders with Nebraska-sized North Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Oman. North Yemen has been influenced strongly by the conservative, pro-West government of Saudi Arabia.

Newspapers in Kuwait have speculated openly that Moscow is try-

ing to convert its Cuban-supported base in Ethiopia into a southern menace to Middle East oil fields.

The menace is felt from the north, too. Desolate, gas-rich, earthquake-ripped Baluchistan stretches from southern Iran into Pakistan. Both governments have tried for decades to tame the fierce nomadic tribesmen. Their rebellious spirit is blamed with infecting other elements in Iran and Pakistan.

This spring dissidents in Iran, for the first time in a decade, dared to take to the streets of Tehran and battle the Shah's police and soldiers. Disclosures of Soviet espionage activities in Iran did not help. In Pakistan, the political situation is even

more uncertain as a puritan military government talks of executing former President Ali Bhutto on corruption charges, and Marxist and socialist factions jockey for position.

A glance at the maps is not comforting to Washington. The Soviet pattern—if it is a pattern—could have devastating consequences to the United States and the Western industrial world. It bridges the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea and gives the Soviet navy pre-eminence in the western Indian Ocean, the route through which much of the Free World's oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) must travel. It threatens intolerable pressures on a whole collection of mineral-rich but unsophisticated black African states, most of which are ruled by unpredictable military dictatorships. It intensifies the potential threat of outside military action again Rhodesia and thus automatically increases the prospect of military counteraction by South Africa, a nation whose government feels increasingly isolated and increasingly responsible only to itself for its security.

In North Africa, too, the situation is not reassuring.

Although American public attention has been concentrated on the Israeli-Egyptian "peace" minuet, nervous Egyptian leaders have privately warned U.S. diplomats and military men about increasing Soviet activity in Libya and The Sudan. Morocco's kingdom is openly shopping the world's arms markets for weapons to augment American aid. Algeria continues to be vehemently "socialist," although it carefully nurses its trade ties with the United States, particularly the export of LNG. Mauretania was wracked by a July revolution.

U.S. strategists must weigh all this against events in Moscow and against Moscow's attitudes toward Washington and other Western capitals. Strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) appear uncertain; the trials of Soviet dissidents are an obvious personal rebuff to President Carter who has preached human rights with fervor, and the time seems to be approaching for a change in Soviet leadership with all the questions inherent in such a change. Analysts can well challenge the long-term value of Russia's seeming victories in south Asia and black Africa, but short-term they appear menacing.

It seems to be a moment when global strategists might remember a pet phrase of prize ring strategists:

"Watch out for his left!"

—Pete Kalt

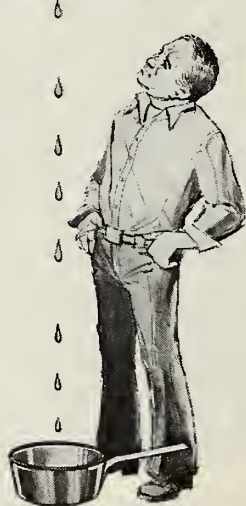
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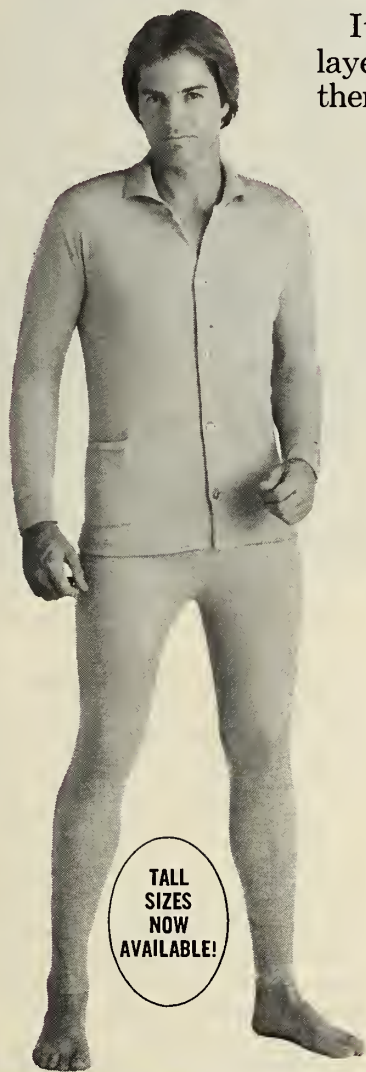
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BOB AND WINNIE Castory will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in a few weeks so they decided to go see "Coming Home," mostly because it was billed as "a love story." Winnie loves love stories. A funny thing happened while they watched the picture: Bob cried. Afterwards they had a beer and, for the first time, Bob talked openly about some of his experiences in Vietnam and how the picture had suddenly brought back those memories. Bob had never really been bothered by his tour in Vietnam; yet he could sense that there were still many unanswered questions.

Clara and John Thompson were married one week after John came back from Vietnam and one day after he was released from active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. This was back in April 1968. Ten years later John has a good job as an assistant manager at one of the larger supermarkets in their community. He enjoys his work very much. Clara works part-time as a legal secretary for two attorneys in town. The Thompsons' have two beautiful daughters, Sarah and Linda. John belongs to the local Lion's Club and Jaycees, and is active in various civic and community projects.

The Thompsons are not very religious but everyone that knows them in the community views them as good, honest people. Other than infrequent blowouts and a few hours of pouting, John and Clara have a strong, loving marriage. For the most part the Thompsons have a great life, except for only one hitch: John has recently contemplated killing himself. He is apparently willing to give up all he has with a 45 caliber round through the brain. For the last year John has been plagued with nightmares and violent daydreams of his experiences in Vietnam. They started during a camping trip he took by himself following word that he would not be promoted to store manager.

Jack and Tracy Malher are in trouble too, but in a different way. Jack was discharged from the Army in 1973 and has been in and out of work ever since, mostly out. He drove a truck for the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. As a civilian he was told

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The Legacy



A helicopter unloads American troops for a strike at the enemy during the Vietnam conflict. Helicopters played a key role in the movement of troops, rescue missions

that he was not "qualified" as a trucker. His wish was to be a long-hauler; to drive a semi on long trips and to be free from foremen and supervisors looking over his shoulder. Now he wishes that he had *any* job. He has a wife and four kids to support. He used some of his GI Bill to go to trucker's school near Chicago. He is bitter, disillusioned and angry. Most of the guys that are getting jobs are younger, less experienced and know little about the tough, cruel world, as he knows it. They were still in grade school or high school when he was sweating land mines and snipers in the "Nam." A little bump in the road that could blow 25 gallons of diesel fuel 200 meters. That was a long time ago. The unemployment checks won't be coming after next week. What will they do then?

Chuck Reed looks 10 years older than a guy who just celebrated his 31st birthday. He is hooked on drugs, all kinds of drugs. He was 19 when he got hooked on heroin in Vietnam and he came home hooked, well before the drug screening program was

promulgated. Chuck quickly found that his habit of rich heroin made from the opium poppies of Southeast Asia that hooked him in Vietnam was impossible to sustain stateside. It was a lower grade of smack and it cost many times more a day; and each day the quality went down and the price went up. Chuck was in jail within 10 months after he got home, busted for armed robbery. He has been in and out of prison ever since. He will probably be back in jail within two months.

Each of these four Vietnam veterans and their respective families suffer in varying ways from the residue of the Vietnam War: occasional bad memories, frightening nightmares and day dreams, unemployment and drug abuse. There are more problems; there are more veterans.

The Numbers Game

Everybody is full of statistics these days regarding the Vietnam veteran. We know, for example, that 8.5 million served in the military during those 10 years of the Vietnam War. Among them are 2.8 million who

of Vietnam

served in Southeast Asia, a little under half of that number were actually exposed to combat or some other life-threatening situation. We know that over 56,000 lost their lives there and 300,000 were wounded there. Recently the President's Commission on Mental Health "conservatively" estimated that when all the Vietnam veterans are totaled along with members of their families over 25 million Americans could be accurately labeled the Vietnam veteran family. Who are they, really? How are they coping today? How bright is the future for these veterans and their families?

Recently several large-scale studies of the Vietnam veteran and his family have been conducted to see, among other things, how well they have been able to readjust to civilian life following military service. The findings so far seem to say that, for the most part, the Vietnam vet on the average has coped quite well. Moreover, when non-vets of the same age and life situation as Vietnam vets are compared we find very little difference in terms of, for example, mental health, employment and job satisfaction, drug and alcohol use and abuse, violent or anti-social behavior, and marital and family adjustment. It makes sense. Over two-thirds of the Vietnam veterans served in the military in places other than Vietnam. My research at Purdue University was the first to focus primarily on those who went to Vietnam in general and those in particular who experienced the stress of war. From this vantage point we find that those who went to Vietnam, the *combatants*, are not only significantly different from non-vets, they also are a world apart from non-combatants—those who didn't go to Southeast Asia. What about when we pay attention to the combatants as a group?

Psychosocial Adjustment

Bob Castory and John Thompson both have emotional scars from their experiences in Vietnam. Bob's residue of war is a few bad memories brought on by a movie, the climate or environment, an emotion similar to what he experienced in war or at other highly stressful times, or from other events that touched a memory. From my own research and the find-

ings of John Wilson of Cleveland State University it appears that most combatants have the potential for re-experiencing the stress of war at this level. John Thompson's reactions were dramatic; they were brought on by his current life stress (concern about not being promoted) combined with being alone in a Vietnam-like environment (camping trip).

In my book, "Stress Disorders Among Vietnam Veterans" it is estimated that approximately one million combatants are in need of some type of readjustment counseling to help deal with the kinds of problems being experienced by Bob and John. I will talk about ways of helping these guys a little later.

My most recent research project included a study of 681 Legionnaires randomly selected from a list of members who recently joined The American Legion. With regard to psychological adjustment, we found, among other things, that although these veterans felt for the most part they had their "head straight" when they left the service, most have had some type of sleeping problem since that time. Moreover, this appears to be true, not only for the Vietnam vet Legionnaires, but for the Legionnaires of *all wars*, especially among the combatants.

Unemployment

Jack Malher and Chuck Reed are unemployed. Despite some government reports to the contrary, the Vietnam veteran has an employment problem. A recent study in the San Francisco Bay Area found a high rate of prejudice among potential employers of Vietnam vets. So the Vietnam vet is faced with two problems: First, there are not many jobs to go around. Second, employers are often reluctant to hire him because of all the bad things they have heard about those sick, weird, drug-crazed and violence-prone Vietnam veterans. Every recent survey of Vietnam vets confirms that they have an extremely high unemployment rate. It is very difficult to establish the major causes of this problem. The myth about him as a walking time bomb is at least one contributing factor.

Another factor is when the vet got out of the service and tried to find work. Based on interviews with 906 Vietnam vets in the Greater East-St. Louis region it was clear that the vet who entered and left the military later and who is younger had significantly more trouble finding and keeping a job than those guys, for example, who got out before 1969. Without a doubt the most important factor, however, was race. In every study, including The American Legion study, we have found that compared to whites, non-whites have signifi-



American soldiers advance in war-torn area of Vietnam. They slogged through jungles, rivers, swamps and in the highlands to get at the enemy during conflict

cantly higher rates of unemployment in every age category.

Substance Abuse

This is perhaps one of the most *overrated* problems of the Vietnam veteran. Although there was a significant drug problem in Vietnam and thousands of men like Chuck Reed were bringing their problems home with them, somehow, someway, they were able to kick their habit—most of them. A significant number of Vietnam veterans are drunks and addicts. Recent estimates by the federal government suggest that among all the Vietnam vets, up to 1,500,000 need some kind of substance abuse treatment. The Veterans Administration has begun to deal with these problems, treating 107,000 in-patients and 95,000 ambulatory patients, in addition to other government programs which have treated over 100,000 Vietnam vets in all in 1976 alone. Somehow we must recognize that substance abuse is a problem and must be solved soon, but that a large majority of these vets are fine and resent being mixed up with those who do suffer such problems.

Stigma and Resentment

In general, Bob, John, Jack and Chuck are the victims of another residue of war, the notoriety of both the war and its warriors. The attitude we find among many employers simply represents the nation's attitude toward the Vietnam veteran. The

Vietnam veteran is the victim of circumstance: He goes to war when and because his country calls him, rather than going to prison or leaving the country. When he returns he expects the nation to at least recognize his sacrifices and to be grateful. Instead, he is called a loser, a baby killer, a puppet in an immoral war machine. Adding insult to injury, we find that the Vietnam vet is subjected to gross misrepresentation in the news and entertainment media. He is portrayed in novels, films, television and the press as troubled. Early hunches about the identity of New York City's Son of Sam included the prediction that he was a Vietnam veteran. He was. But he never saw Vietnam or war and his Army service had little or nothing to do with his mental state.

What Can We Do?

There is not enough space here to adequately discuss either the problems or their possible solutions. I have tried to at least touch upon the major problems experienced by many Vietnam vets. What can we briefly say about some of the solutions? There is much that all of us can do both individually and collectively. At the social and political levels we must be more aggressive in our insistence that Vietnam vets get a fair deal: both in terms of the benefits they rightly deserve as veterans and the respect and admiration they deserve as combatants. We must insist

that the blame for the war and its outcome be shifted from the individual soldier to the political and military structure that resulted in the tragedy in Vietnam. We must insist that the media stop perpetuating the image of the sick vet.

What may be more important, however, is what we need to do at the personal and emotional levels. As a Vietnam veteran you must come to grips with your experiences in the military in general and in Vietnam in particular. The best way to do that is to talk about it with a fellow combatant, particularly a fellow Vietnam vet. As a friend or relative of a Vietnam veteran encourage him to talk about his experiences, feelings, hopes and fears—but only if you are willing and able to listen. I have found that most Vietnam vet combatants want to talk about their residue of war, but have found it quite unproductive because the listener “couldn't handle it.” What may be even more important, however, is to somehow let our Vietnam veterans know that they are appreciated, that we care about them and that they have gotten a raw deal.

It is time to put the war behind us and the warrior beside us. We as a nation have never really welcomed the Vietnam veteran home. Let us recognize their sacrifices, their courage, their patriotism, their spirit and their honor. Let us, finally, celebrate their homecoming and give them the respect they need and deserve. ■

Santa Anna Met His Waterloo at San Jacinto

SAN JACINTO. It's a proud name in Texas history. Here, on April 21, 1836, some 800 Texans led by Gen. Sam Houston broke the back of Mexican power in the United States. In a pitched battle which lasted only 18 minutes, the Texans overran 1,200 Mexicans commanded by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Some 630 Mexicans were killed, 208 wounded and the rest, including Santa Anna, taken prisoner. Nine Texans died and 30 were wounded.

Today, San Jacinto is a Texas State Park. It lies just five miles south of Interstate 10 on Texas 134, some 25 miles east of Houston, alongside the Houston Ship Channel.

San Jacinto was one of the most important battles in American history. It led to Texas freedom, the Texas annexation and the Mexican War. It led to U.S. acquisition of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and parts of

Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma. It could be said that the Battle of San Jacinto brought the United States some one million square miles or almost one-third of its total area.

San Jacinto State Park is crowned with a 570-foot memorial tower atop which sits a 220-ton Lone Star of Texas. The base of the monument is a museum which traces the development of Texas and the U.S. Southwest. Atop the tower is an observation deck which provides a panoramic view of the park's 460 acres and surrounding area. The monument is open throughout the year except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and Mondays from September through May.

San Jacinto also houses mementoes of other wars. Moored here is the *USS Texas*, the battleship which saw action in World War I and World War II.

Launched in 1912, the *Texas* escorted President Woodrow Wilson to France after World War I. In 1919, the battleship became the first American flagship to carry aircraft, and from 1927 to 1941 she was flagship for the Atlantic Fleet. World War II sent her around the world.

The *Texas* battled German U-boats, supported the invasion of North Africa, was on hand for D-Day and provided shore bombardment in the south of France. During a duel with shore batteries at Cherbourg, the *Texas* was hit for the first time when a 288-mm projectile smashed her navigation system and another (a dud now on display in the ship) penetrated her hull just above the waterline. After repairs in England, she moved on to the South Pacific where she supported the invasions of Tinian and Iwo Jima.

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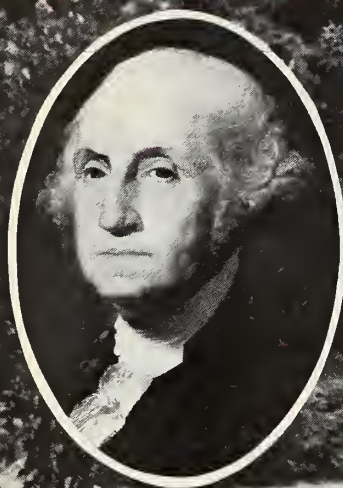
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Art in a Snuff Mill



FROM HUMBLE origins to fame and success is the classic pattern of the American dream. Gilbert Stuart's dream began in a snuff mill in rural Rhode Island. For all of us who know Stuart only by his portraits of George Washington, it's fascinating to visit the mill and catch a glimpse of his childhood environment.

Stuart was born there in 1755. Four years earlier, his Scottish father had observed the site and found it ideal, for it is at the head of a stream that tumbles down between rocks as it rushes toward the Narrow River. Here, some 30 miles south of Providence near Saunderstown, he erected New England's first snuff mill. A huge water wheel outside his Yankee gambrel-ridge house drove the wooden and iron machinery in the cellar that ground tobacco into "sniffable" powder. The creaking, clanking process was unpretentious and as timeless as the flowing water outdoors, but the Stuarts prospered. In those days, 90 percent of all the tobacco raised in England's American colony was made into snuff. The house upstairs became a comfortable homestead.

Young Gilbert lived here until he was ten. Later, he went to London, where he became a protégé of American painter Benjamin West who was in England. He won great acclaim there as an artist in his own right. Fame came so quickly, in fact, that the son of a country snuff grinder quickly turned into a free-spending dandy who plunged into heavy debt. In 1787, he moved to Dublin, then returned to America, first to Philadelphia and finally to Boston.

Back on his native soil, Stuart made his mark as the most celebrated portrait painter of his day—and certainly our best known Presidential portraitist. The unfinished painting of our first president, commissioned by Martha Washington in 1796, became the essential schoolbook image of the "Founding



This is the birthplace of Gilbert Stuart and Snuff Mill at Saunderstown, RI. The structure was built in 1751. Stuart, who was born here in 1755, was America's foremost painters of portraits of George Washington (Inset)

Father." But the prolific Stuart produced 110 additional George Washington portraits. In all, America's first six presidents and each of their wives except Jefferson's posed for Stuart.

The Gilbert Stuart birthplace was restored in the 1930's and today a water wheel turns just as it did in the 18th century. Replica machinery brought from England grinds tobacco for visitors to see—a significant re-enactment, because in a very real sense industrialization began in this Rhode Island snuff mill.

The old gambrel-ridge is a treasure house of Early Americana with its corner fireplaces, handblown glass windowpanes, pine paneling, massive ceiling beams and period furnishings and implements.

Only prints of Stuart's work adorn the walls. The priceless oils are in their rightful places of honor—in the great art museums of America. —Tom Bross

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McGUFFEY'S READERS

the old classics are returning to school



"Snapping the Whip" by Winslow Homer

IN THE EARLY 1800's, a frontiersman wrote the following threatening letter to a certain Squire Hawkins:

This it to Lett you no beter be Keerful hoo yoo and yore family tacks cides with fer peepl wont Stand it to hev the Man wat's sporting wuns wat's robin us, sported by yore Fokes kepin Kumpne with em, u bin a ossifer ov the Lau, yore Ha will bern as quik as to an yor Barn tu. So Take kere. No mor ad prsnt.

At about the same time Daniel Boone, the famous trail blazer and Indian fighter, wrote, in part:

Dear Sir:—This Instant I Start Down the River. My Two sunes Returned ameadetely from Philadelphia and Daniel Went Down with Sum goods in order to Take in gensgn at Lim Stone. I hope you Will Wright me By the Bear Mr. goe how you Com on with my horsis—I Here the Indians have killed Sum people Near Lim Stone and Stole a Number of horsis— These letters give us some idea of

just how illiterate the pioneers of Pennsylvania, Ohio and other parts of the Midwest were in the early 1800's. Of course, it is understandable. They were overburdened with endless hard work: cutting down forests, building log cabins, tilling the soil, not to mention warding off Indian attacks. Little time was left to educate their children. Schools were rare; in fact, there were no common schools—only a few subscription or pay schools with itinerant schoolmasters who rode on horseback through the wilderness from one log cabin to another soliciting pupils.

Except for the Bible, there were no books. The settlers on the frontier communicated with one another in a garbled mixture of English, Irish, German and Scottish.

Into this bookless world was born William Holmes McGuffey, a man destined to become a major influence in American education, morals and culture. Born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1800, he was the second of 11 children.

William and his brothers and sisters, like all pioneer children, toiled from dawn till dark, but William managed to get a smattering of education from his mother and a subscription school. A bright boy with a craving for learning, he often walked miles through the woods to borrow a book from a minister or schoolmaster, then returned home and, like Abe Lincoln, stretched out on the floor before the fireplace and read. Too poor to buy a slate but gifted with a remarkable memory, he memorized just about everything he read. In his teens as he plowed the fields he often repeated word for word different books of the Bible. Later he attended Greerburg Academy in Darlington and still later worked his way through Washington College (now Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA). After graduating near the top of his class, he went into teaching, which he loved.

A solidly built redhead of medium height, with a high forehead and long nose, he could be seen each day

clad in a long black coat and stove-pipe hat as he rode his horse to school, saddle bags packed with books, reading on the way. Although he was a stern disciplinarian and very demanding, his pupils loved the rugged Scot for his sense of humor, rich fund of knowledge and fondness for children. Paid \$600 a year, he taught school in an abandoned smokehouse. Within a few years his rare ability as a teacher was recognized by his colleagues.

He was appointed professor of Latin, Greek and Hebrew at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; then in 1836 president of Cincinnati University, and nine years later president of Ohio University. His last years were spent as professor of philosophy at the University of Virginia, until his death in 1873.

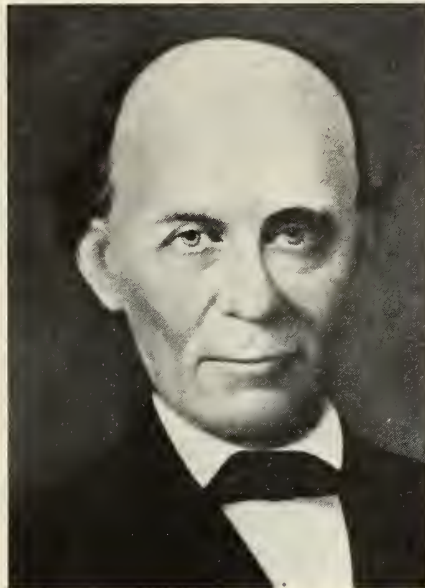
By the 1830's, common schools were beginning to spring up in many parts of the Midwest. The void of the bookless frontier cried out to be filled. Truman and Smith, an enterprising publishing house in Cincinnati, saw a great opportunity and set out to find the man best qualified to write books for schoolchildren of the frontier. They found William Holmes McGuffey.

With the help of his brother Alexander, McGuffey wrote a Primer and six Eclectic Readers, so-called because the material in them was carefully selected from many sources. McGuffey's Primer, which later became the First Reader, and the Second Reader were published in 1836, the Third and Fourth in 1837, the Fifth in 1841 and the Sixth in 1851. They were not graded as they are today as the First, Second and Third Grade readers. They were arranged in order of difficulty because in those days the classes were held in one-room schoolhouses with children ranging from six to 16 years of age. No child was allowed to go on to the next reader until he had mastered the preceding one. Often a child would get through the sixth grade without mastering the Fifth or Sixth Reader. Over the years the series was revised and expanded by McGuffey, his brother, the editors of Truman and Smith, and five subsequent publishers who acquired the rights to the series.

A modest man, McGuffey never dreamt that his books would revolutionize education in the United States and affect educational methods and morals the world over. However, thanks to the skill and aggressive promotion of the publisher, and to the fact that the children liked the books and the teachers found

them effective, sales skyrocketed. The First Primer selling at 12½¢ a copy, the Second at 25¢, the Third and Fourth at 50¢ and the Fifth and Sixth at 75¢, rapidly became the best sellers in publishing history. Used by four out of five American schoolchildren, they were read by generation after generation. Often a pupil would learn that his parents, grandparents and indeed his great-grandparents had learned to read with McGuffeys. Missionaries took the books along to Japan, Puerto Rico, China, the Philippines and Africa to teach English.

The publisher reaped bonanzas. McGuffey reaped a mere pittance. His contract with Truman and Smith



William Holmes McGuffey, who became a major influence in American education

provided that he would receive a 10 percent royalty on each copy sold until his total income from the sales reached \$1,000, after which the copyright became the sole property of the publisher! To save their conscience perhaps, every Christmas they sent McGuffey a barrel of smoked hams.

The fantastic success of McGuffey's Readers was no accident. In the first place there was little competition, and the competition there was, was unfit for pioneer children. The few available books were written for gifted children of well-to-do families and written by English or American authors who never came near the frontier. The leading textbook of the time was the *New England Primer*. Puritanical and evangelical in its tone, it reeked with dreadful warnings of fire and brimstone for children who sinned. It consisted of a few pages of the alphabet, but mostly of the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Com-

mandments, a catechism and a list of books of the Bible. Dubbed the *Little New England Bible*, it scared the daylights out of the kids with passages such as "Upon the wicked God shall rain a horrible tempest" and "Children who do not seek God shall go to hell."

The success of McGuffey's Readers was due also to the fact that in his own way he was a psychologist who understood pioneer children.

His First Reader consisted of words of one or two syllables used in short sentences. The Second and Third also contained lessons in spelling and reading but were more advanced and included stories about the land, sea, animals, history and games. In the Fourth Reader McGuffey introduced the children to good literature, 40 percent of which was culled from American sources, including some of his own writing. His Fifth and Sixth Readers, the most advanced, were adapted to children 14 to 16 years of age.

Thanks to the McGuffey Readers, the education of millions of children in the Midwest took a giant step forward.

It must be emphasized that McGuffey did not write his remarkably successful books only to nourish and develop the minds of pioneer children. He had another goal in mind—moral teaching.

Here are a few of McGuffey's stories and moral lessons:

Respect for the Sabbath

A barber in a small town held the Sabbath in high respect. Under no circumstances would he keep his shop open on Sunday. Since a good number of his customers came into town on Sunday and wanted shaves and haircuts, he lost business to competitors. He became poorer, poorer and still poorer. Indeed, he could not afford to pay for kerosene for his lamp so he had to work by candlelight. His clothes were in tatters and most of the time he was hungry. But one Saturday night as he was shaving by candlelight, the customer saw his face and recognized him as an heir to a great fortune.

Obedience

A boy rides his horse against his mother's wish. He falls off and is seriously hurt and crippled for life.

Honesty

A bookkeeper embezzled some money from a bank by making entries as he said, "Once two is one." Over the years he accumulated a lot of money. But the fear and suspense of being caught intensified little by little until finally he went out of his

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100 Years of Recorded Sound

It All Began with Thomas Alva Edison

IT'S JUST over 100 years since Thomas Alva Edison dashed off a sketch of a crude cylindrical device containing a crank and a stylus.

"Krueski—Make this," he scribbled across the bottom of the drawing. Within 30 hours, John Krueski had made the first working phonograph, and Thomas Edison had recorded the immortal words "Mary had a little lamb..." on a sheet of tinfoil. Hi-fi—at least "fi"—was born.

From the beginning, people marveled at the lifelike recorded sound. Edison, recalling the occasion of hearing his own voice played back for the first time, commented, "I was never so taken aback in my life." When the Edison Speaking Phonograph Company began to put on road shows in 1878, the company claimed that its machines would reproduce the barking of a dog so realistically that any cat within earshot would be terrified; that recorded coughs and sneezes were "so believable that physicians in the audience would instinctively begin to write prescriptions."

A quarter of a century later, the Victor Talking Machine Company staged a concert in Wilkes-Barre, PA, in which the stage was occupied by a military band and a battery of handwound phonographs. A local critic proclaimed that the only way he could tell the difference between the music produced by the live musicians and from the Victrolas was when the musicians began to put down their instruments.

The hi-fi era dawned in the late 1940's. A British sound engineer, Gilbert A. Briggs, engaged Carnegie Hall in New York City to produce yet another demonstration of live vs recorded sound. Again the critics reported difficulty in telling the two apart. And only a few months ago, hi-fi manufacturers were still at it, presenting live vs recorded concerts to invited audiences around the country.

It's remarkable to us that anybody could mistake the scratchy, nasal sounds from those early cylinders for the real thing, yet each advance in sound reproduction has been greeted with the claim that we had now reached a state of the art where there were no discernible differences between the reproduction and the real thing.

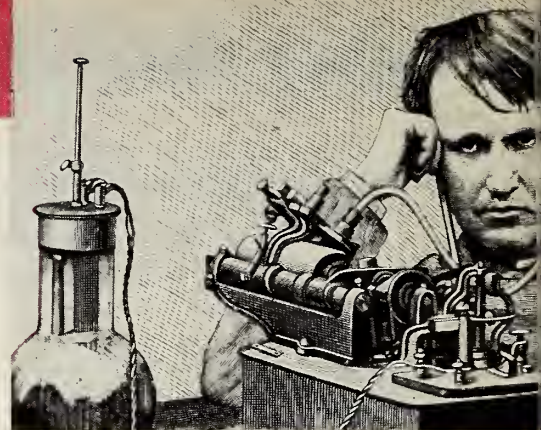
The story of the phonograph and hi-fi is a typical American story, beginning with Edison's instructions to his assistant, and continuing through the development of the techniques that put four separate channels of sound on a single record 100 years later.

While Edison demonstrated the practicality of storing sound mechanically, it was an immigrant from Germany, Emile Berliner, who developed the flat phonograph record we know today; and Eldridge Johnson, a machinist in Camden, NJ, who converted a painting by an obscure British artist into a trademark known by millions around the world. The Gramophone Company in England actually owned the painting titled "His Master's Voice," but it was Johnson who adopted it as the trademark for his phonographs and records.

Until the early 1920's, recording artists like Enrico Caruso, the Original Dixieland Jass (sic.) Band and Harry Lauder were forced to sing or play into acoustic horns. The recordings usually sounded tinny or nasal. Researchers at Bell Telephone Laboratories, under the direction of Joseph Maxfield, developed a technique for recording electrically, replacing the horn with a microphone. It was the greatest development since Berliner's flat record, and remained the standard process for recording for the next half-century.

In 1948, another development came from a Hungarian immigrant named Peter Goldmark, who was working in Columbia Broadcasting System's research laboratories. Goldmark's long-playing record not only managed to cram the contents of five or six old-style records onto a single plastic disc, it improved the sound and eliminated breakability while doing it. It was Goldmark's LP which launched the hi-fi era in the United States—an era marked by little companies founded by ex-GIs—companies with names like Marantz and Harmon-Kardon and Orradio Industries which made parts for complete hi-fi systems. Compared to the electronics giants of the day—General Electric, RCA, Stromberg-Carlson and Philco, among others—they were small potatoes.

But they grew. Some became international conglomerates. They



Thomas Alva Edison's early phonograph opened a whole new world of recorded sound, giving pleasure to millions.

gained momentum with the development of the stereo record in 1958 and stereo FM broadcasting three years later. Actually, stereo had been around since the early 1930's, when Leopold Stokowski experimented with it with the Philadelphia Orchestra. Two ex-GIs, Emory Cook and Ched Smiley, actually produced a two-channel record in the early 1950's, but because it had separate grooves for right and left channels, it was almost impossible to play properly. Westrex Corporation, a subsidiary of AT&T, invented the stereo process in use today—a process involving a single groove with left and right channels electronically mixed.

Today, it's possible to put four separate channels of sound into a single record groove, all the result of American research and development. Peter Scheiber, a youthful inventor, found a technique for matrixing front and rear channels during the recording process at just about the time that Goldmark's successor at CBS Laboratories, Dr. Benjamin Bauer, was working on a similar idea.

What's ahead in the next century of sound recording? Digital recording, for one thing, a product of computer technology. Dr. Thomas Stockham of the University of Utah and Dr. Amar Bose of Massachusetts Institute of Technology are two of the eminent scientists working on this development. It substitutes electronic impulses for the familiar wiggles in a record groove or magnetic patterns on tape. It greatly expands the dynamic range of recorded music while virtually eliminating background noise.

Even at its 100th birthday in 1977, the invention Thomas Alva Edison called "my favorite" hadn't stopped growing.—Robert Angus

COURIERS: Today's Pony Express

International messengers deliver night and day, rain or shine

IT'S USUALLY a dark, damp 5:15 in the morning when the clanging alarm clock jars Sidney Judd awake in London. He showers, dons gray flannel slacks, an impeccably-tailored blue blazer with a crest on his breast pocket and picks up a well-worn flight bag, carefully packed the night before. By 8:30, the 6-foot-tall, athletic-looking, moustachioed Judd is at London's bustling Heathrow Airport. He is almost always the last person to climb aboard the Pan Am jet headed for Frankfurt.

Early that afternoon, Judd is busily engaged in a frantic round of appointments in West Germany's major commercial city, spends the night in town and by 2:30 p.m. the following day is on his way, first back to London and then on to New York's JFK on the evening trans-Atlantic jet. Around midnight in New York, another swift round of appointments has been completed, and promptly at 8 the following evening Judd is winging his way back to London, sitting in his usual seat well aft in the economy section, a relaxing drink in front of him. The stewardesses call him "Sid," for they see him more often than almost anyone else—including his wife.

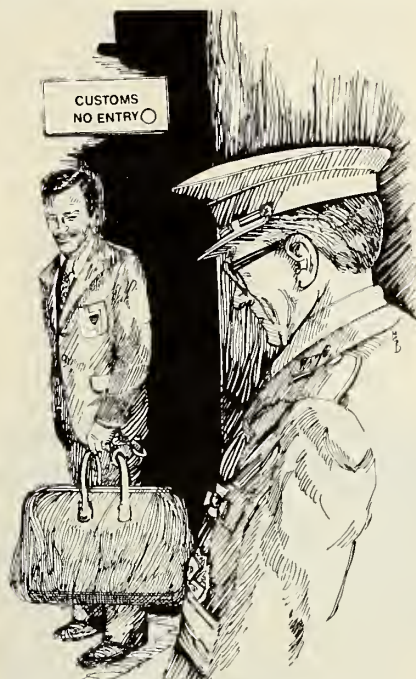
Sidney Judd is not a rock star, nor a globe-trotting multinational corporate executive. He is the closest thing to the grizzled, hard-driving pony express riders of yesteryear who pioneered swift, coast-to-coast communication in America's early days. Judd is a courier.

The next time you climb aboard a domestic or international jet, look around. One or more couriers may well be riding with you; indeed one could be in the next seat. If he works for Sid Judd's employer, Loomis Courier Service, he will be easy to recognize. Look for two intertwined "L's" in a red, white and blue motif on his blazer jacket over his heart. "Our company feels that blazers give our personnel a uniform and distinctive look," Judd explains, "and it is also useful to have the Loomis seal quite visible when a client is meeting us at the airport to pick up the documents we're carrying to him."

Purolator, a giant U.S. courier firm, with a staff of 10,000, calls at 30,000 destinations daily. "We stop at all the major cities," says the firm's VP, William Candee. The worldwide courier business is big and

growing swiftly. Some estimates are that courier customers will spend more than \$300 million this year paying firms like Loomis, Purolator, Brinks, Federal Express, Emery Air or REA—and employees like Judd—as much as \$43 per lb., to ensure swift, personalized, door-to-door delivery of negotiable securities, bank documents, legal papers and sometimes cash, gems, rare stamps and fine art. Couriers even transport bull semen, which decays in 36 hours. Kodak film, fast-processed in 24-hours by drugstores, often moves by courier.

Couriers wing daily across the Atlantic, speeding bank checks from Europe to clearing houses in the



Global couriers spend more than 100 hours a month in the air going from continent to continent on their jobs.

States; a check cashed in London's Aldwych branch of the First National City Bank at noon is almost always in the hands of night-shift tellers in Manhattan by 10 p.m. the same day, thanks to Judd's door-to-door transatlantic efforts. Lengthy computer printouts of drilling activity in the Persian Gulf can be reviewed by oil company technicians in Houston within 24 hours because couriers have rushed the confidential figures 10,000 miles at top speed with maximum security.

When plague hits Egypt it is couriers

who air-speed vital vaccines to the medical authorities there to prevent the epidemic from becoming nationwide. Wherever or whenever "timed media"—the couriers' term for vital cargo—needs delivering, there's a courier who, like Al Capp's "Available Jones" will deliver it—for a price.

Couriers are a relatively new breed of pigeon in today's supersonic age, spending 100 hours a month in the air, more than the busiest jet pilot. Early in the postwar era, the U.S. Government employed a network of former military personnel who traveled from embassy to embassy, continent to continent, with top-secret documents carried in locked briefcases manacled to their wrists. "There aren't very many government people wearing cuffs any more," explains Ray Gray, European Manager for Loomis, "because most classified information these days the government can transmit office-to-office in code, electronically, by bouncing the data off satellites or whatever. But private business has taken up where the governments have left off. Alert management executives realize that a company can lose thousands of dollars an hour waiting for a replacement drill for an oil rig, a vital computer tape or some advertising reproduction copy, which might take several days to arrive if sent air freight and maybe a week or more if mailed." Most couriers guarantee swift delivery—and forego the fee if they foul up. Strikes, bad weather, mechanical breakdowns are the hurdles they zigzag around, over and through.

"Loomis blossomed in Europe, thanks mostly to a British postal strike back in the early 1970's," Gray continues. "Traditionally, banks in the UK had airmailed their cancelled checks and other time-sensitive documents back to the U.S. When the GPO strike hit, they quickly had to organize an alternate delivery system and their solution was to have our firm carry sacks of their material across the Atlantic for them. When the postal strike ended, they decided the door-to-door, 12-hour delivery system we had developed was much better than the previous postal technique, and we've had their business ever since. They look on us today as just another tool, like the copier

and the computer, designed to speed up work and improve profits."

The courier companies don't like to be publicly quoted criticizing the efficiency of any country's postal delivery system. "We would hate to have any of them crack down on us for operating what is, in effect, a system, which in some measure impinges on their monopoly," Gray explains. But quite pointedly, one courier-firm executive has over his desk a cartoon showing an obvious post office building which has emblazoned over it a motto belittling the U.S. post office credo. The parody reads: "Neither lethargy, indifference nor the general collapse of standards will prevent these couriers from eventually delivering some of your mail."

Most couriers employed to rush industry's vital information around the world are in their early 30's, and they have been screened almost as carefully as the starting backfield for the Minnesota Vikings. All have passed intelligence tests and stiff physical examinations; those over 40 take a rigid physical every year. Each is bonded for at least \$100,000. Most are ex-police or military service personnel and they have to be both quick

and tough to fly the half-million miles a year which many of them amass. As Judd explains it, "You quickly learn it is very important to eat sensibly and to get plenty of sleep; you have to be in top shape to handle the job." Couriers are in the air even on Christmas Day. "We deliver while you sleep" is the profession's credo.

Not long ago a commercial jet crash-landed and two couriers had to dive out the emergency door and jump off the wing to get to safety.

In the early days of the courier business some of the personnel went aboard planes armed, to protect the valuables they carried. This era ended when a Brinks courier got in a gunfight with a would-be hijacker, the Brinks deadeye dick dropping the terrorist after a shoot-out in economy class. While the airline was grateful that the Brinks man had saved their jet, the nation's airline pilots voiced some protest at having unnecessary guns aboard commercial flights, and regulations were tightened to prevent couriers from going aboard with bulges under their jackets. Now that most U.S. jets fly with armed sky marshals aboard, the need

for gun-toting couriers has dramatically lessened.

Couriers are usually the first passengers off the jet, very often being on such good terms with the stewards that they are moved up close to the door just before the passengers begin to deplane. After clearing immigration, the courier trots over to the cargo area where he takes charge of shepherding sometimes as many as several hundred pounds of documents, packed mostly in 10-lb. units, swiftly through Customs. But that's only the beginning. Most major courier services guarantee door-to-door delivery, with the courier getting an authorized signature for each parcel he drops off, sometimes examining the recipient quite closely and double- or even triple-checking identifications before turning the merchandise over. The couriers do their deliveries in every possible type of vehicle, from taxi to trishaw, motorbike to armored car, depending upon destination and time of night.

That couriers have become an integral part of the national banking system is revealed by the eye-popping fact that Purolator couriers now move \$6 billion in checks nightly for 10,000 different banking offices in all 12 Federal Reserve districts.

While the couriers have refined much of their worldwide business down to a fairly steady routine—so much so, for instance, that Loomis regularly reserves a seat on one jet out of Brussels, 365 days a year—some of their special handling assignments are offbeat and amusing. Not long ago, Purolator had to carry a valuable piece of moon rock from a NASA laboratory in California to Long Island, NY where it was to go on public display. The lunar souvenir was so valuable that a Purolator courier was assigned to transport it in a box locked to his wrist. The container rode on a reserved seat next to him, and the company purchased two economy tickets for the transcontinental flight.

Sidney Judd recalls Loomis being involved in the logistics of a marital tiff between Beatle John Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono. The couple split and Loomis was asked to move their marital effects from one end of the U.S. to the other. Just as the delivery was completed the battling Lennons turned into love birds again and, at no small expense, Loomis was rehired to reunite their goods in rewedded bliss.

Arnold Palmer mislaid his most trusty putter on the eve of an important West Coast tournament and a Purolator courier had to be laid on

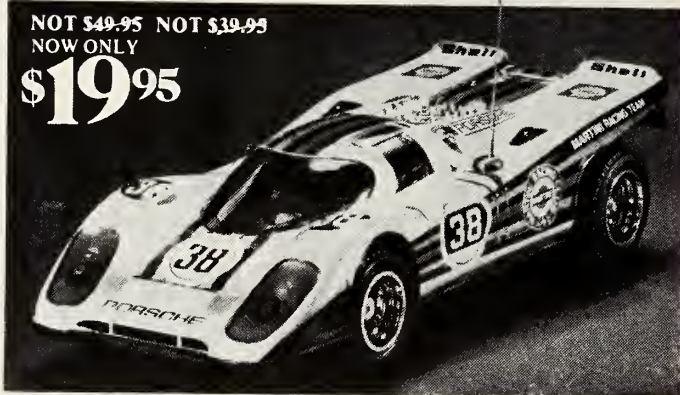
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to bring the club at top speed and maximum safety back to its rightful place in the star's golf bag. Sad to say, Arnie did not win that tournament.

Even foreign governments turn to the U.S. owned courier services from time to time. When Golda Meier was ruling Israel and visiting the U.S., some important documents in Jerusalem needed her immediate signature. Israel's solution: to lay on a Purolator courier to carry the paper to her while she was on a high-level visit to the U.S. West Coast and then to rush the documents back to Jerusalem for government action.

During President Ford's tenure at the White House, a Chicago political crony decided to send the Chief Executive 12 dozen English muffins—the President's favorite—to serve at an important 9 a.m. meeting. English muffins are not the world's sturdiest long-distance travelers, so a Purolator courier was called in to make a swift Chicago-to-Washington delivery. Quite naturally, the White House gate guards were more than a little suspicious of a man with 12 dozen muffins, insisting on personally delivering the goods to the President's Office. It took almost as long to get the baked goods through the White House gate as it had to move them from the Windy City to the nation's capital. But in true courier tradition, the delivery was finally made.

On occasion, couriers have almost certainly saved people's lives. A little over three years ago, Uruguayan guerrillas kidnapped an executive of Brooke Bond Foods and demanded a ransom of \$2 million in used, small denomination, U.S. banknotes to be delivered within 48 hours. Four U.S.-based Purolator couriers picked up suitcases containing the \$2 million and rushed the 5's, 10's and 20's to Latin America, narrowly beating the kidnappers' deadline and ransoming the terrified manager, all for a \$10,000 fee. The kidnappers were later apprehended and the money liberated, but the small bills never came back to the U.S. A Ford Motors executive was subsequently kidnapped in the same area and Brooke Bond sold the ransom currency to Ford.

Ingrid Jacobson of Loomis recalls another job involving Amnesty International, the human rights organization in London which defends political prisoners. "We were called in to transport legal documents to a country I'd rather not name," she explains, "and these depositions and testimony were enough to change the

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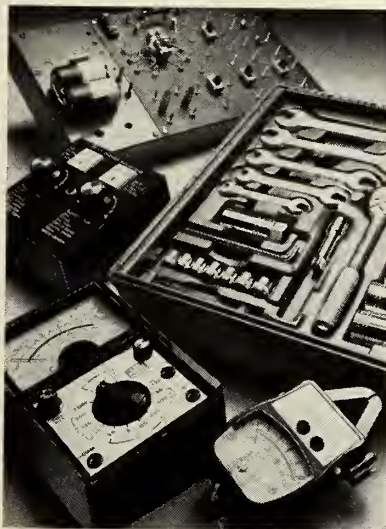
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Opposing Views on a Question of Increasing Importance

Should Women Be

THE TWO objections most often heard to using women in combat are 1) concern for the women's safety and 2) doubts that women can carry out combat duties.

Concern for women's safety, while well-intentioned, is misplaced. Women today are inner city police officers, skydivers, race car drivers and firefighters. If a qualified woman wants to volunteer for dangerous duty, she should be free to do so. It's her decision to make, not the government's, which makes far too many of our decisions for us. The establishment of the all-volunteer force makes military service today a matter of choice, and women are waiting in line to serve.

No one wants to send women into combat, but as one woman testified before my subcommittee, "I find it doubtful that mothers or fathers weep more for their daughters than for their sons."

Certain types of combat duty require a level of strength which many women may not possess, and those women should be deployed elsewhere, just like weak men. But if some women are strong enough and qualified in every other way, there is no reason to exclude them.

Women who now serve in combat-support positions have been trained in defensive combat techniques, for their units could well come under enemy attack. Offensive combat is but one step further. The Army now gives the same seven-week basic training to men and women, including grenade throwing and use of a variety of arms.

The performance of women in past wars proves that women can make a tremendous contribution to our war effort. Women's Air Force Service pilots have trained male pilots in strafing, bombing, tracking and anti-aircraft fire, and during WW II a Russian all-woman fighter unit shot down 38 German aircraft.

Interestingly, the General Accounting Office reports that women lose about one-half as much time from

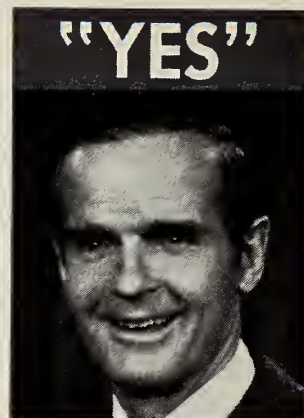
duty as men—including time taken for pregnancy.

The discrimination against women by our armed services is an affront to the American sense of fair play and the ideal of equal opportunity, which our government professes to follow. Until recently women were excluded from such "combat" jobs as missile launch crews in the Mid-western United States.

Combat duty is the traditional route upward in all military services, but women now in the service cannot follow that route. Limiting the woman's role is also unfair to the men, who must shoulder all unpleasant duty including very long stretches at sea. Moreover, it is only fair that women be called upon to defend the freedoms they enjoy as U.S. citizens.

We must spare no effort to maintain a strong, lean, efficient and well prepared fighting force. By closing many combat or combat-related positions to women, however, the armed services are weakening our defense effort by refusing to let qualified personnel serve where they are needed.

No less than the Commander of the Marine Training Base at Parris Island, SC has declared that, "there is no reason the female can't fight just like the male." I agree.

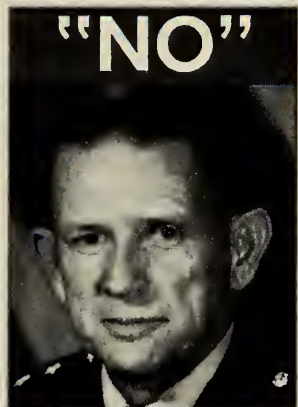


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Used In Military Combat?



Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub
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THE PRIMARY mission of the United States Army is to preserve the peace by being instantly ready to engage in combat operations any place in the world. The ability to fight and win battles is too important to the security of this nation to permit the Army to be used as an instrument for sociological experimentation. Until such time as there is some evidence that women

can withstand the extreme physical, mental and psychological stresses of battle, it is foolhardy, if not dangerous, to run the risk of reducing the combat capability of our Army by including women in units whose primary mission is to engage in actual combat operations.

This does not mean that there is no place for women in the Army. There are many jobs in the Army that can be performed better by women. The nation can ill afford to ignore or under-utilize the great reservoir of brainpower and skills represented in the women of our nation. There are, however, several important reasons why these highly motivated and patriotic female members of the Army should continue to be excluded from combat units.

First of all, the battlefield is a very physical place. The infantryman, cannoner and tanker are routinely called upon during battle crises to demonstrate great feats of upper body strength to preserve lives and equipment. The tasks of digging for shelter, moving ammunition and changing tank tracks are shared by all members of the unit, including the clerks, cooks and

mechanics. All require the muscle structure and exertion normally associated with a defensive tackle on the Denver Broncos' football team. Most physiologists agree that for the foreseeable future far more men than women will be capable of meeting the physical demands of these situations. With women in combat units, the male soldiers would be required to carry an increased share of these critical physical requirements, thereby limiting the units' responsiveness to crisis situations.

In my experience, women in combat have an adverse impact on the male soldiers in the area. Men tend to be protective of women.

During the tree-trimming crisis in Korea in August 1976, many good soldiers were so concerned about their soldier wives or girlfriends or their subordinate women that they left their duty stations to see to their welfare or evacuation to the rear areas. In fact, most of the women soldiers expressed the desire, if not the expectation, to be removed from the potential battle areas.

Another factor which suggests we should not permit our women soldiers to be used in combat units is the image that this would project in the minds of our potential enemies.

At one time Russia and Israel used women in combat roles in their military forces, but both have now made it a matter of national policy that women will not be used in combat again. God forbid that we must go to war to learn the same lesson.

John K. Singlaub



I have read in the American Legion Magazine for September the arguments in PRO & CON: Should Women Be Used in Military Combat?

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Guadalcanal's Miracle Girl

Correspondent Foster Hailey of the *New York Times* was intrigued by the Padre's account of how the child had been saved, and how much he regretted leaving her. "You may have lost your little orphan, chaplain, but I have found a very good feature story," Hailey remarked.

Hailey's story about the rescue of Patsy Li, illustrated by a picture taken by a Navy photographer, had repercussions thousands of miles away. When World War II ended, the Padre of Guadalcanal received a strange letter from a Chinese woman living in Singapore. She had just received a clipping of that old story from a relative living in America. Her name was Ruth Li. She told this story:

She, her husband and their little daughter, Patsy, had been on the last evacuation ship out of Singapore, fleeing the Japanese advance. The ship had been bombed and sunk a few miles from the harbor, and although she and her husband were rescued, their child was not. She had last been seen floating out to open sea on a piece of wreckage.

Mrs. Li refused to accept the obvious conclusion—that her child had drowned—and for more than three years had searched false leads trying to locate her. Her husband had ridiculed her "obsession" and bitter quarrels led to their divorce. Now she was sure this "obsession" had been vindicated. She saw a resemblance in the published picture to her child, although admittedly the child's head was bandaged and her face contorted with sobs. More important, the child had been identified in the newspaper as "Patsy Li."

As gently as he could, the Padre wrote back that the child who had survived the Guadalcanal massacre could not possibly be hers. He told the Singapore mother that he had made up the name of "Patsy Li" out of his head, or more properly, his hat. He could just as easily have called her "Patsy Stetson." Besides, Guadalcanal was 4,000 miles away from Singapore harbor. He could see no conceivable way the child could have gotten from the one place to the other.

But what is 4,000 miles to a mother? After exchanging a few more letters with the Padre, she insisted on following her instincts and making the long trip to the New Hebrides to see for herself.

At first, Mrs. Li experienced cruel disappointment. She had lost a pretty little child born to a well-to-do,

highly cultured family. She found a sullen, awkward girl who had none of these graces. The savage beating inflicted on her by Japanese soldiers, the terror bombings on Guadalcanal and the trauma of being suddenly separated from those who had saved and protected her had combined to block out any memory of her early years. Her conscious life had begun in the orphanage. Despite its bare furnishings and its poverty, it represented the only security she knew. She had been told who this woman was and what she was looking for but she didn't know her and she resented her.

Hurt and confused, Mrs. Li was prepared to go home but an island official convinced her to stay a few days. She began carefully observing the girl. She checked for tiny, telltale scars around the eyelids that her child had been born with. The scars were there!

The girl was then given a crucial handwriting test. When Mrs. Li's daughter was first learning English, she wrote her words in block letters and always inverted her "E's." Mrs. Li had brought along a postcard her child had once written. Under the scrutiny of island officials, she dictated it to the girl in the orphanage letter by letter. The girl did not know what the post-card message meant because the only language she knew was the French taught her by the nuns. The nuns had also instructed her to write in Continental script. Yet when she wrote down the words as dictated to her, she instinctively wrote not in her usual Continental script but in block letters. And she inverted her "E's" exactly as it had been done on the postcard Mrs. Li was holding!

The impossible, the unbelievable, had come to pass. The two Patsy Lis were actually one. (A comparison of dental charts after Patsy returned to Singapore gave further confirmation.)

Miracles, however, can founder on the rocks of human frailty. Back in Singapore, the still-troubled girl had difficulty adjusting to a new environment. Living in a broken home disturbed her. Her mother was so anxious that she make up for the years lost from top-grade schools that she pushed her hard. The relations became frigid.

Ever since Father Gehring had been informed of the miracle of discovery, he had kept up a correspondence with both Ruth Li and Patsy Li. He felt a responsibility for Patsy's well-being and when Mrs. Li asked if he could help resolve this

difficult situation, he arranged to bring Patsy to America.

With time and care, Patsy blossomed. She won a degree in nursing science at Catholic University in Washington, DC and spent several years as a nurse in Washington and Baltimore hospitals, health-care facilities and defense plants. Today, she is married to Angelo Fasano. The couple now lives in a town house in Albuquerque, NM and Patsy has joined the nursing staff of Sandia Laboratories, a research facility which designs and develops nuclear weapons for the government.

The grown-up "Miracle Girl of World War II" is now a little past 40 and thoroughly Americanized. ("There is no country in the world that has the greatness and the freedom of America," she says simply.)

The Padre, now associated with the Vincentian Missions and headquartered in Philadelphia, remains an integral part of Patsy's life. The two visit and correspond often. At a party that Barney Ross hosted for Patsy at Grossinger's resort in New York State—not long before the ex-champion's death—Father Gehring and Eleanor Bumgardner, the person who had served as Patsy's American guardian, urged Patsy to initiate a full reconciliation with her mother. That reconciliation has come to pass. Ruth Li now lives in Albuquerque, too, a short distance from the Fasanos.

How did the "Miracle Girl" make that incredible trip across the Pacific in 1942? Patsy's memory of what happened to her has never returned (she can only recall "floating around and around in water"). But Father Gehring learned of two British seamen who plucked a child out of the water near the burning evacuation ship. The seamen said they placed the child on a small float. Father Gehring believes that child was Patsy, that a Japanese vessel taking supplies to Guadalcanal picked her up and dumped her off on that island with a native family.

"I never forget to give thanks to God for choosing me to play a key role in Patsy's life," says Father Gehring. "Her story proves once again that there is no power in the world greater than the power of Faith."

—Martin Abramson

Martin Abramson is a magazine writer, former war correspondent and the author of "The Barney Ross Story (Monkey on My Back)"; "The Padre of Guadalcanal Story", and other books.

Sgt. York: Rookie to Legend

'The greatest civilian soldier of the war . . . ' Gen. John J. Pershing

ON Nov. 16, 1917, a shy young Tennessean named Alvin York joined the U.S. Army, bewildered at the thought of leaving his mountain home and troubled that he might have to fire his gun in anger. Eleven months later, York single-handedly killed 25 Germans and captured 132, becoming in a few action-packed hours America's most famous doughboy.

An idea of the impact York's feat caused is shown in this conversation in October 1918 between the lanky soldier and Brig. Gen. James R. Lindsay of his division.

"Well, corporal," said General Lindsay with a broad grin, "I understand we don't have to do any more fighting."

"How's that, sir?" asked York.

Lindsay's grin grew broader. "Because your company commander tells me you just captured the whole blasted Hun army."

York looked uncomfortable. "I guess it wasn't the whole army, sir. Just 132 of 'em."

"Just 132." The general burst out laughing. "Single-handed?"

"More or less, sir."

General Lindsay shook his head in amazement.

The transformation of Alvin York from rookie to legend began on Feb. 1, 1918, when he joined the 82nd Division after three months of cleaning details and close order drill at Camp Gordon near Atlanta, GA. This was the famed "All America" division. Men from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee formed the backbone of this hard-fighting unit, but it also included selected soldiers from every state in the Union. In its ranks were descendants of men who had come from each nation that made up the Allies.

It was a big step for this raw-boned lad who had spent his youth in the obscure Tennessee village of Pall Mall, adjoining the "Valley of the Three Forks o' the Wolf." He came with an education equal to that of a child of eight and with little knowledge of what went on beyond the summit of the Blue Ridge.

But Alvin York had something going for him from the start that placed him apart from his comrades. He stood six feet tall, a commanding figure with the muscles of a moun-

taineer. He carried out any assignment his superiors handed out with seeming ease. And above all he was a dead shot who could hit any target no matter how elusive.

York was deeply religious and his conscience was bothered by the fact that he was setting out on a mission to kill his fellow man. But something



Sgt. York

in him made York refuse to seek exemption from combat service on grounds that the doctrine of his faith, the Church of Christ in Christian Union, opposed war. But York's pastor back home had no such qualms, and knowing how the mountaineer's mother felt about war, he sent a letter to the soldier's regimental commander asking exemption for the mountain youth.

Finally, York's company commander, Capt. E. C. B. Danford, sent for the soldier and together they read the Bible for guidance. Finally Danford showed York a passage which said "If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight for it."

York pondered several long moments, then said. "All right. I'm satisfied."

It did not take the army long to discover York's abilities as a soldier. He quickly qualified as a sharpshooter, both in skirmishes and over the rim of a trench.

Finally, judged combat-ready, the "All America" Division sailed for

France and was quickly moved up to the Front. Then the action began. In the fall of 1918, the division remained on the line of battle for 26 days and nights without relief.

York went through it all, a quiet, composed figure, giving encouragement to his comrades and often kneeling beside a wounded soldier and quoting from the Scriptures.

It was in the St. Mihiel salient that York was made a corporal, a promotion he would have received much sooner if there had not been apprehension whether he might turn out to be a conscientious objector because of his religious beliefs. He did not make sergeant, the rank by which he is known today, until after his historic feat.

Meanwhile, the fateful day drew near. On the eve of the historic battle, York wrote in his diary: "On the 7th of October, we lay in some little holes on the roadside all day. That night we went out and stayed a little while and came back to our holes. The shells were bursting around us. I saw men just blown up by the big German shells bursting all around us."

"So the order came for us to take Hill 223 and 24 on the 8th. So the morning of the 8th just before daylight, we started for the hill at Chatel Chehery."

A gray mist blanketed the countryside as the men of the All America swarmed over the crest of Hill 223 in the Argonne Forest straight into the gun sites of an elite German outfit known as the Prussian Guard who were staked out on a ridge across the valley. As the fog began to lift, the Americans plunged down the wooded slope and encountered German fire from three directions. Artillery pounded the hillside and machine guns raked the trees under which the Americans were moving. The men of the 82nd sprayed the hilltop with fire, but the Germans were well dug in.

The sun had now burned through the mist and from their foxholes the Germans could easily see the Americans working their way through the woods. Finally, York and 15 other men followed Sgt. Bernard Early in a foray against the machine-gun battalion. Crawling Indian fashion, the 16 men managed to inch their way

to the rear of the German position. They rushed one strong point, surprising several officers and men who quickly raised their hands in surrender. Unknown to the Americans, the action was being observed by a line of enemy machine-gunners perched on high ground 40 to 50 yards away.

Then, in a move that violated all codes of ethics in warfare, the German gunners called to their captured comrades to fall to the ground and brought the American platoon under withering fire, killing six and wounding three, including Sgt. Early.

York now took command, placing the German prisoners in the hands of the unwounded Americans. Then he worked out a plan to go after the German gunners single-handed. His strategy was based on years of experience in Tennessee turkey shoots. In those contests, a bird would be tied behind a log so that only its head bobbed up occasionally. The competing marksmen had to hit the turkey's head in the instant it was visible above the log. It was one of the toughest tests of speed and accuracy with a rifle, and York had excelled at it.

Now, putting this experience to use, he waited, rifle poised. In order to draw a bead on York, the Germans had to raise their heads above the sandbags that protected their machine gun nests. Whenever one raised his head, York picked him off like a turkey.

After York had killed about a dozen Germans this way, the enemy tried a different tactic against this incredible marksman. York later recalled what happened, telling how another trick from his hunting days helped him survive.

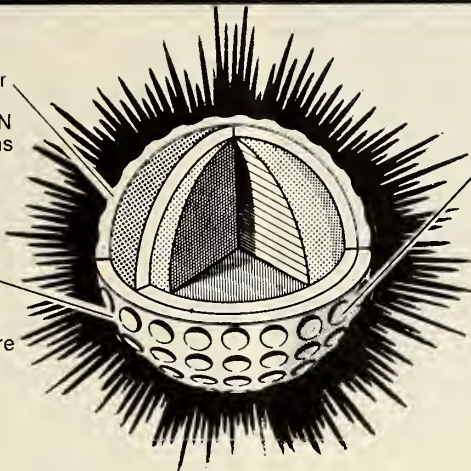
"In the middle of the fight," he said, "a German officer and five men jumped out of a trench and charged me with fixed bayonets. They had about 25 yards to come, and they were coming right smart. I had only about half a clip left in my rifle; but I had my pistol at the ready. I flipped it out fast and teched them off too.

"I teched the sixth man off first, then the fifth, then the fourth and so on," he explained. "That's the way we shoot wild turkeys at home. You see, we didn't want the front ones to know that we were getting the back ones, and they kept on coming until we got them all. Of course, I hadn't time to think of that, I guess I just naturally did it. I knew too that if the front ones wavered, or I stopped them, the rear ones would drop down and pump a volley into me and get me."

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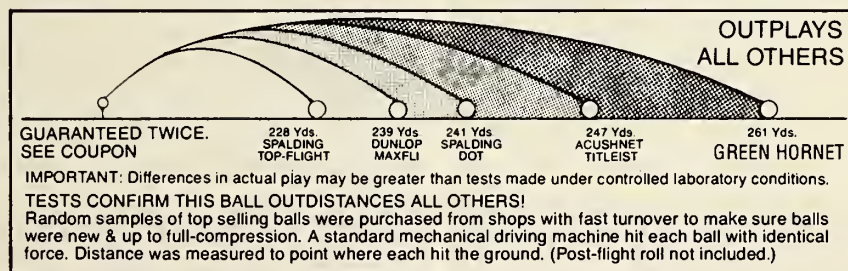
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How One WWI Vet Is Remembered

THE ROCKS appeared in the river again. For the first time since the June floods, dark brown basalt rocks jutted up above the water's surface. Except for water swirling around the rocks, the Columbia River flooded calmly past the old pumping house. Why didn't it rush downstream like the logs in June? My four-year-old mind didn't understand.

It was late July. Harry and I were spending another morning throwing rocks into the river. Harry handed me a green rock chosen from the thousands beside the river. "Let's see you throw this one," he said. Harry's large wrinkled hands had carefully examined the stone. They could draw a lot of information out of the rocks he touched.

My small hand grabbed the rock; slowly I moved my fingers into the proper place as Harry had suggested: thumb on top, index finger extended to the rock's corner, and the three remaining fingers underneath. I threw the rock as hard as I could, snapping my wrist to make it spin just as I let go. My rock sailed out across the water, bouncing once, twice, three times before disappearing into the green Columbia.

"That's good, Howard," Harry said, while squeezing my shoulder. With his other hand he tossed his own rock into the river. The rock leaped out of his right hand, skipping across the water six, eight, at least ten times before it was done. A series of concentric circles radiated out from each spot where the rock had touched the water of the Columbia. A look of astonishment covered my young face.

"Just lucky, Howdy," he chuckled. Harry looked at me through his dark green eyes with a gaze so compelling

the warmth engulfed me. Even when Harry's arms didn't embrace me, his eyes did. In his hands there was strength. The same hands that skipped the rocks had fought in World War I, had once pitched a 24-inning baseball game. They had replaced the hands of my dead father.

Harry had taken care of me since my father's death two years before. While mom was off teaching school to keep us well fed and clothed, Harry gave me love that only a man could give. He was my babysitter, my substitute father, my friend. When he stepped out of the white stone house next door it meant another adventure.

Harry greeted me each day with the same question, "What do you want to do today, Howard?" With Harry around, I had lots of choices. We could throw rocks into the river, stare straight down the two-hundred-foot spillway of Chief Joseph Dam two miles from Bridgeport, look for Indian arrowheads on the sand bar across the river, visit Harry's son in the town of Brewster, slide on the slides at Berryman Park, play baseball, explore the local apple orchards or just talk.

At age four it was a summer of blissful days. He answered all my questions. He talked about World War I, about his brother, about President Eisenhower. I thought he held all the world's knowledge in his head.

Then one morning Harry didn't come out of his white stone house. He was ill, my mother said. They had taken him to a hospital in Spokane, 100 miles away. Now there were no more trips to the dam, to the sand bar, or even down to the river to throw rocks. Without Harry, the

river was a dangerous place.

On a Saturday afternoon in September we drove to the white brick Spokane Veterans Hospital.

I waited outside with my brother while my mother went inside. She returned with someone. He sat in a wheelchair wearing a rumpled white bathrobe. First I saw only the robe, then the white hair, then the smile.

He reached out to me, his long arms touching with my arms and I climbed onto his lap. He embraced me and I squeezed hard too. "How ya doing, Howdy?" he asked.

The visit ended too soon and he disappeared through the double doors. Two months later, we received a phone call on a chilly November evening. "Yes, I see," my mother said. "That's too bad . . . I'm sorry." Then she walked over to me and said, "Howard, Harry died tonight. His heart stopped beating."

I didn't cry. Death was a long way from a four-year-old's comprehension. My father had died before I could remember him, now Harry Roger Lily, 68, had died. All I understood was that I wouldn't see him again. But nearly 20 years later I still see Harry. I often visit his grave in the cemetery next to the apple orchard where we looked for rattlesnakes. Sometimes, I see Harry in his wheelchair, sometimes he's waiting to catch me at the bottom of a slide, sometimes he's beside me at the river throwing rocks. Whenever I throw a rock into the Columbia River, I hold it the way he taught me. Snapping my wrist just before letting go, I watch the spinning stone skip gracefully across the green water, creating first one circle, then two, then three. . . .

—Howard Morris

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Sgt. York:

A German major who had been lying on his stomach watching York's performance with awe, now got up and walked over to the soldier. "English?" he asked.

"No," replied York, "American."

"Good Lord," said the major in a shaken voice, "if you'll just stop shooting, I will make the rest give up."

Silently, York signaled the Germans—there were about 90 of them—to come forward with their hands in the air. One German carried a half-

concealed grenade, and York dropped him in his tracks. Meekly, the rest of the prisoners fell into line. York called on the remainder of the American platoon, who had been trapped in a thicket unable to take part in the firefight, to bring up the rear with the German prisoners. Then he set out in search of the American lines.

The German major tried to point out a path for the group to follow, but York, suspecting a trap, led his party in the opposite direction.

As they trudged on, the Americans encountered more German machine-gun nests. With York prodding him

in the back with his service revolver, the German major kept calling on his fellow soldiers to surrender. York disarmed each new group and pushed ahead.

Finally, the group reached American lines and York reported to Lt. Ralph Woods, telling him he had a few of the enemy to turn over.

"How many are there, corporal?" Woods asked.

"I kind of lost track, sir."

In addition to the 25 Germans he had killed and the 132 captured, the hillbilly who didn't want to be a soldier had silenced 35 machine guns.

Next came the task of document-

ing York's deed for the records. His comrades on the patrol who survived the ordeal all made out affidavits that accounted for all who were not killed or wounded and showed the part each man played. These records gave clear proof that at the height of the fight, no American fired a shot except York.

In fact, York's exploit even had an indirect effect on Woodrow Wilson. He had been negotiating with the Germans through an amateur diplomat named Prince Max of Baden over the famed Fourteen Points, the President's blueprint for peace that Allied leaders had been trying to circumvent.

Then came Oct. 8 and news that the 82nd's platoon had taken the surrender of a number of Germans only to be butchered by machine gunners lurking in the background. It was an act of perfidy brought into prominence by the heroism of York. But for his dramatic feat, the atrocious conduct of the enemy might have escaped general attention. But this news, plus the sinking of a passenger ship off the Irish coast with the loss of 300 lives, sent a wave of rage through the Allies that finally reached Wilson himself. On Oct. 14, the President fired off a re-

ply to Prince Max that the allied military leaders would set the armistice terms for the Germans. He added that there was no other way to deal with a foe who resorted to such barbaric practices.

Decorations were heaped on York for his historic action. Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force, pinned the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, on York and called him the greatest civilian soldier of the war.

France's Marshal Foch, supreme commander of Allied Forces on the Western Front, awarded York the Croix de Guerre with Palm and termed his feat the most remarkable individual achievement of the war. In Paris he was received and honored by the President of France and other government officials.

Then there were glittering offers beyond his wildest dreams. One would have paid York \$75,000 to play himself in a film portraying his life. Another called for vaudeville appearances at \$1,000 a week. It was a lot of money for those days and an unbelievable amount for a mountain youth who had made \$25 a month working on a farm before the war. But, without hesitation, York turned



Sgt. York takes his turn for food during WWI break behind the lines

them down. The theater was frowned upon by his church, and York would not go against its principles.

York returned to his little village and settled down to a life of farming on 400 acres bestowed upon him by the people of Tennessee.

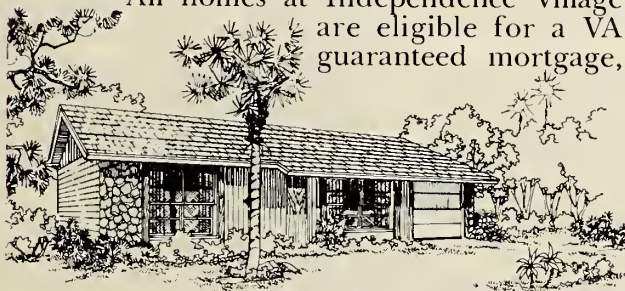
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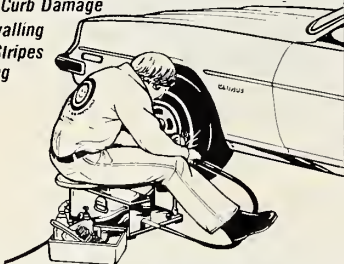
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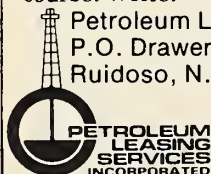
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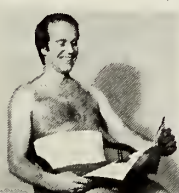
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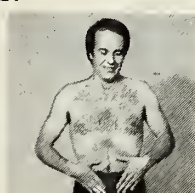
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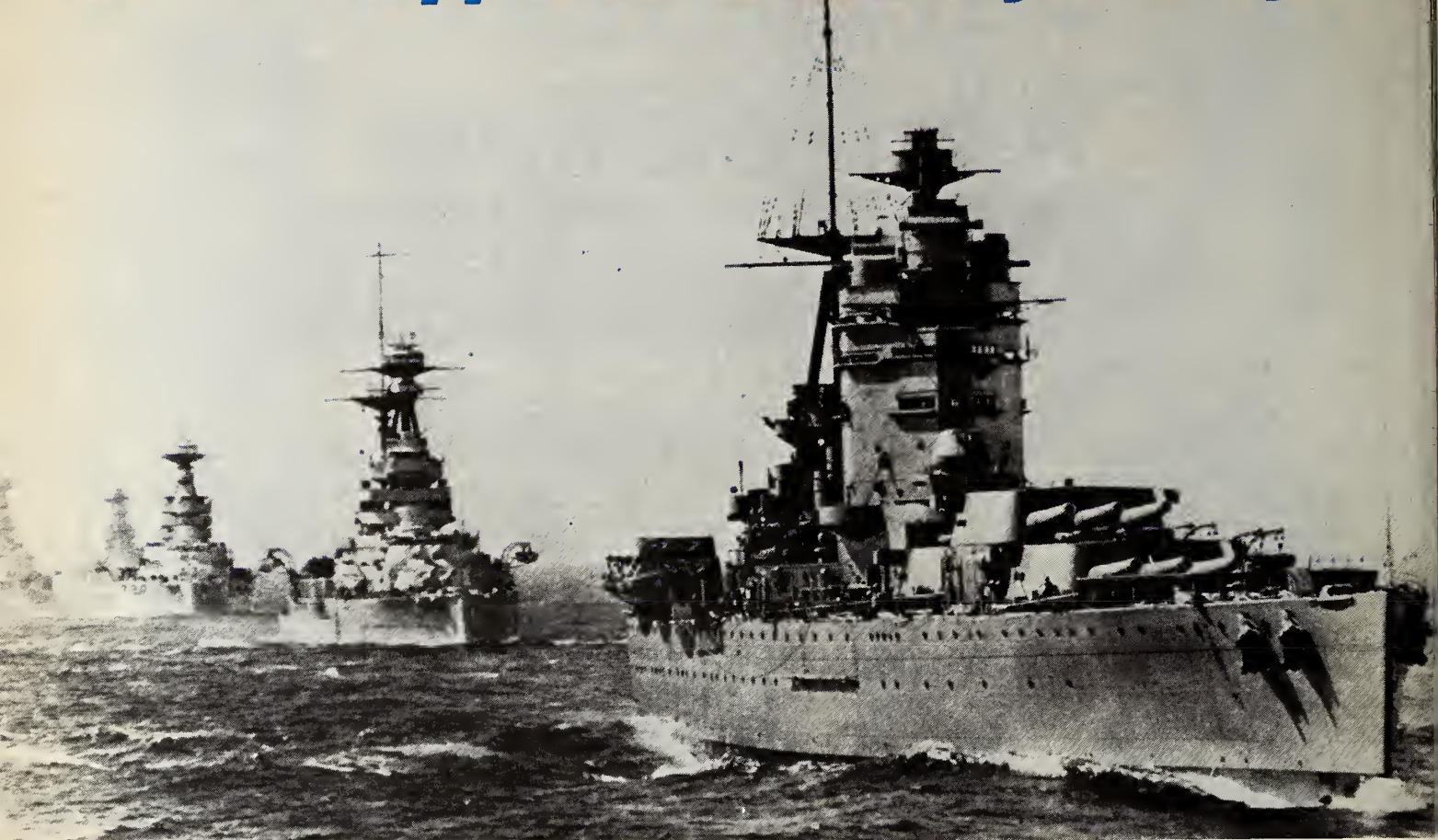
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What's Happened to the Royal Navy?



The HMS Rodney leads the British fleet in the days when "Britannia Ruled the Waves"

A YEAR AGO, Queen Elizabeth reviewed some 90 ships of her Navy at Spithead, the traditional anchorage off Portsmouth, Hampshire, where monarchs since the time of George II in the 1700's have inspected their fleet.

But a few months earlier the British Army had to hire Norwegian car ferries and Hong Kong Chinese crews to join NATO war games!

The occasion marked the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth ascending the Throne. In 1953, a year after she succeeded her father, George VI, there was a Coronation Review of the Fleet—also at Spithead.

That day, 200 British warships, as well as numbers from foreign navies, were assembled. A handful flew the flags of British Commonwealth nations like Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Last year there were many more Commonwealth ensigns.

Yet the ending of Britain's world-wide imperial task cannot alone explain the eclipse of her fleet. In 1953, besides the ships at Spithead, others were on station in the Far East, Indian Ocean and Mediterranean. The 1977 review included everything but

a few small gunboats on patrol at Hong Kong.

The rusting British seapower can be laid to politicians who have seen the armed forces' annual budgets as a target that can be stripped to fund an increasingly top-heavy state welfare system. Deliberately encouraged by these same politicians to believe that the H-bomb made all other weapons obsolete, the British public has increasingly regarded its Navy as a colorful relic of a romantic past.

Against such a background, the Royal Navy's top brass for a quarter of a century has been fighting a battle to retain even a fleet the size of that today to protect Britain's 32 million tons of shipping, the world's third largest merchant fleet after Liberia's and Japan's.

The most dangerous decision for Britain's Navy was that taken in 1966 when plans to build the first of a new generation of attack carriers were junked by Defense Minister Denis Healey on the grounds that the British Royal Air Force could do the carriers' job more cheaply from ashore.

Healey also argued that carriers

were only of value in supporting ground forces attacking a hostile beachhead—and that such ideas were "out" in the thinking of the then Labor government which declared that British forces would never again attack a nation overseas unless invited to do so by neighboring states that were themselves victims of that nation's aggression. (The U.S. Congress and the Carter Administration are debating construction of more giant nuclear carriers, though the effect of American naval cutbacks is muted by the continued deployment of 14 large U.S. carriers.)

To support the belief that the Royal Air Force could do the job of the Navy's carrier air groups—even in vast sea areas like the Indian Ocean—R.A.F. planners "moved" Australia bases some 400 miles westward to fit the range of U.S.-built F-111s, which the British were to buy. Healey was so angry when he discovered this trick that he cut off funds for the F-111s as well as for the Navy's new carriers.

Like their U.S. counterparts, British admirals since World War II in the Pacific had been building up a

carrier fleet. These were the new capital ships that replaced the battle-wagons of the past. In the 1953 Coronation review, six of them sailed by with names like *Implacable*, *Indomitable* and *Illustrious*.

So long as Britain had a carrier force, there seemed little point in developing missiles.

By junking plans for a new carrier in 1966 the British Government deprived the Royal Navy of its principal offensive weapon and by the time the existing carriers were decommissioned in the late 1970's, the most powerful non-nuclear weapon left would be a few six-inch guns on three cruisers, all leftovers from World War II programs.

Yet worse was to come for the Royal Navy. Early in 1968, following the devaluation of the pound, Defense Minister Healey ordered a speedup of plans to scuttle the carriers. The retreat from Singapore and the Persian Gulf was also speeded so that by 1972 nothing but the Hong Kong garrison would require British forces outside Europe.

A General Election in 1970 and the victory of a Conservative government gave the Navy a brief respite. The attack carrier *Ark Royal* was reprieved and the government ordered 25-mile French Exocet surface-to-surface missiles for fitting in to the Navy's destroyers and escorts.

But the cutting back of the carrier program had shaken Her Majesty's Navy. A complete new generation of destroyers and escorts was required to screen the carrier force. Optimistic conservatives feel that by 1978 they should have three new carriers the size of the U.S. Navy's *Midway* class, plus two modernized carriers, the *Ark Royal* and *Eagle*.

But to get the new destroyers and escorts to sea on schedule, it was possible only to make minor design changes; thus eight new "cans" have no big punch against surface ships. They are still what they were planned to be back in the 1960's: Escorts for the carriers by providing point defense against hostile aircraft and surface-to-surface missiles.

At the time the new carriers were deleted from the British defense budget, the Navy's top aviators came up with an alternate plan. This was to build smaller carriers operating V/STOL "jump jets" which had originally been turned down in 1964 in favor of U.S.-built F-4 Phantoms. (The debates in the U.S. Congress for smaller carriers imply American development of V/STOL aircraft.)

To get the new ships approved by a hostile British Treasury and Par-

liament, the word "carrier" was abandoned in favor of "through-deck cruisers."

For seven years the Royal Navy's aviators battled for their compromise. Finally, in 1973, the go-ahead was given for the keel-laying of the first, the *Invincible*.

But getting Harrier "jump jet" fighters for the new ships proved an even tougher battle. The Royal Air Force did not view kindly any revival of naval fixed-wing flying which would, it feared, mean a loss of funds for its own programs.

Elsewhere in the Royal Navy itself, there was opposition. It was believed that if budgetary approval were given for the aircraft and the ships, there would be compensating cuts in other areas of the Defense Ministry's construction program.

In 1975, the government sanctioned an order for 24 Harriers for the *Invincible*. A year later the *Invincible*'s sister ship *Illustrious* was approved. A third ship, to be named *Indomitable*, is planned.

Underwater, Britain's fleet was given a boost in 1962 with the signing of a pact by President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan to aid a British ballistic missile submarine program.

By 1968, the first of five planned missile subs was complete but when a Labor government took office, the fifth boat was stricken from the construction program.

About the time Kennedy and Macmillan signed the pact under which the British also got the A.3 Polaris missile bodies minus warheads, development began on a tactical missile for British nuclear powered attack subs. One, the *Dreadnaught*, had been commissioned in 1963, powered with a U.S. manufactured reactor.

Five years later, after he shunned new carriers, Defense Minister Healey described the attack subs as "the capital ships of the future."

A new missile project was revived by the Heath government in 1970, only to be scuttled again in 1975 by the succeeding Labor administration. Substitute U.S. missiles probably won't be ready for operational service until 1980; meanwhile, the nine British nuclear attack submarines now in commission carry torpedoes designed in the mid-1930's.

In 1976, more defense budget cuts forced the mothballing of Britain's last two helicopter assault ships and one of the two dock landing ships.

When British Marines and Army troops went to Norway for NATO's

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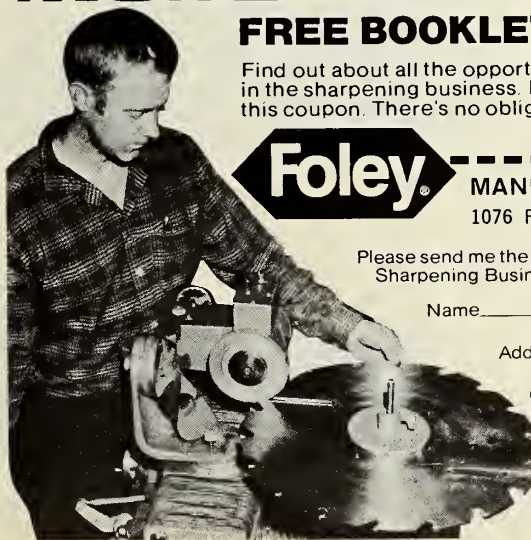
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Queen Elizabeth meets the crew of the British warship *HMS Bronington*.

exercise "Team Work" in the fall of 1976, they had to cross the North Sea in chartered Norwegian car ferries and landing ships manned by hired merchant seamen. Four of the landing ships had Hong Kong Chinese crews! It must have been the first time Chinese "invaded" Norway!

Outside of NATO exercises and its permanent contributions to SACLANT's Standing Naval Force and NATO Channel Command's Mine Countermeasures Standing Force, the British Navy still keeps one or two destroyers or frigates in the Mediterranean. They are based at Gibraltar. Its task at the Rock is to stop illegal contravention of territorial waters by Spanish Navy ships, since Spain has laid claim to Gibraltar for many years.

In Belize, in the Caribbean, one frigate helps Army and RAF units guard the semi-independent British colony from any ambitions of neighboring Guatemala.

In Antarctica, a British Navy survey ship spends six months every year charting the coasts and supporting scientific groups ashore. A hydrographic survey ship has recently been charting deep water tanker routes in the Persian Gulf.

Perhaps the biggest and most controversial sea task the British now face is patrolling the 200-mile European Economic Community fishing zone drawn around northern European waters.

The area includes many off-shore oil rigs and production platforms for Britain's rapidly expanding oil industry. Several of the oil corporations have protested that Soviet trawlers are ignoring undersea pipelines and are damaging them with their trawl wires. During one rig posi-

tioning operation there were so many Soviet fishing boats in the area that they interrupted radio links and nearly collided with service craft around the rig.

Aside from its seven new patrol ships, the Royal Navy also relies on its mine countermeasures ships, both sweepers and mine hunters, to help protect fishing grounds against foreign vessels. These small 360-ton warships, most of which were built in the late 1950's, and are already overaged, also help patrol the coast of Northern Ireland to stop arms smuggling to terrorists.

Currently, the British Navy has 58 warships equipped with helicopters. They also operate from four survey ships and an ammunition and stores ship.

The helicopter carrier, *Hermes*, has been converted to carry 16 Sea King 'copters and it may take aboard a Harrier fighter squadron in 1978.

One British missile cruiser and seven frigates are fitted with the Australian-designed Ikara anti-submarine missile. After flight of up to 10 miles, the missile body sheds its torpedo on the end of a parachute. In the water the torpedo homes on the noise from a submarine's propellers.

An eighth frigate, scheduled to be modernized with the Ikara, is currently testing the Sea Wolf missile. This lightweight weapon is designed for fitting in small warships and is the only Western naval weapon currently being tested which is capable of destroying a shell in flight as well as aircraft and missiles.

Two new missile destroyers now under construction and scheduled for

completion in 1979-80 will be equipped with Sea Wolf.

The Sea Dart missile, currently in service in a missile cruiser and two destroyers (a further six destroyers still in the shipyards will also have it) has been shown in tests at sea aboard the cruiser to be able to hit a target about the size of a foil coated weather balloon at a height of, say, five miles, while the second missile on the launcher has hit another target simultaneously at a few hundred feet.

On the personnel side, the British Navy today has some 10,000 officers and about 52,000 enlisted men. The Royal Marines have about 8,000 officers and enlisted men.

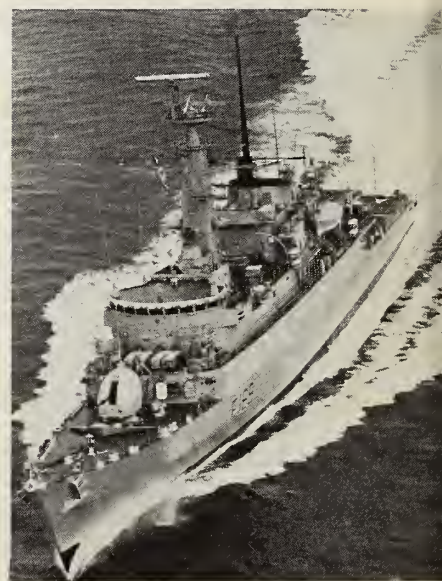
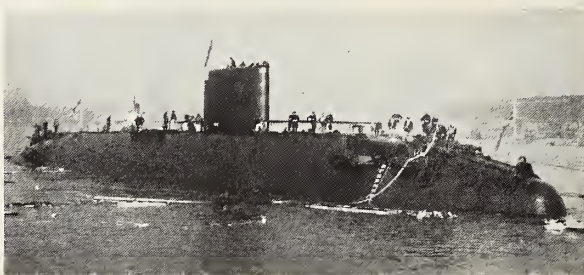
About a third of the officers are former enlisted men and the majority of all officers have joined the Navy as a career. During fiscal 1975, more than 7,000 male officers and enlisted men joined the Navy. Most of the enlisted men serve for a minimum period of nine years.

In the past 25 years, Britain's Navy has shrunk, but it remains a highly professional service. So long as parliament allows, it will also remain the most powerful and capable navy in Western Europe.

—Desmond Wettern

Editor's Note: The author is the naval correspondent of the London Sunday Telegraph.

The British Foreign Affairs Research Institute has issued a release on Wettern's analysis of the growing offensive capability of the Soviet submarine fleet.



As the British Navy declines, there are a few ships still afloat such as the nuclear submarine *HMS Sovereign* (top left), the carrier *HMS Ark Royal* (bottom left) and the frigate *HMS Amazon* (right)



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McGuffey's Readers

mind. And he spent the rest of his life in an asylum saying over and over again, "Once two is one."

Lying

A boy watching a flock of sheep decided to have some fun and cried, "Wolf! Wolf!" The townsfolk rushed to his aid but on arriving they found it was all a joke. So they returned to town. The next day the boy did it again. Again the townsfolk rushed to help. And again they found it was only a joke. So they shook their heads and returned to town. The following day wolves really did attack the sheep and the boy yelled "Wolf! Wolf!" The townsfolk, thinking it was another joke, went on with their work. The wolves devoured many sheep, among them the boy's pet lamb.

Kindness

Some coins were thrown out of the window to a blind man, but they fell into thick hedges and were lost. He groped and groped around for them but without success and was heartbroken. But a kind boy crawled into the hedges, found the coins and gave them to the blind man.

Honor Thy Father and Mother

A boy gathering wood in the forest found a bed of strawberries. He eagerly filled his cap with them, planning to have them at dinner time. But at dinner time as he was about to start eating them, he thought of his sick mother in the next room. So he decided to eat just half and give his mother the other half. But each half was so small. So he decided to eat just one berry. But on thinking how much his mother would enjoy them, he finally decided to give all of them to her.

Kindness to Animals

A boy found a bird on the cold ground. He fed it, kept it warm and decided to keep it in a cage. But his kind sister talked him into letting it go free again.

Cruelty

A cruel boy tied a rope across the grass to trip the milkmaid. Instead of tripping her, he tripped a messenger racing to get a doctor for a deathly sick man. The boy later learned that the messenger had sprained his ankle and could not get help in time, and the sick man died. It turned out that the man who died was the boy's father.

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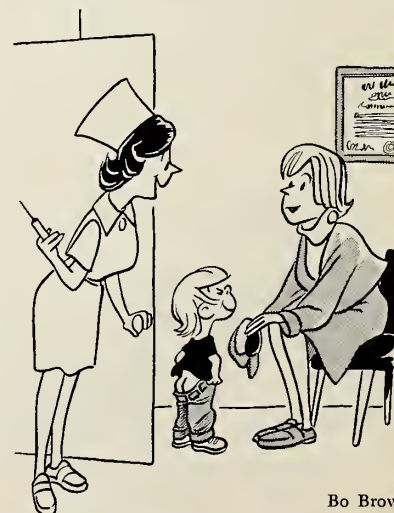
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Interestingly, the McGuffey Readers, introduced about 150 years ago, are making a comeback.

Thanks to the "back to basics" trend sweeping the nation, the Eclectic Readers are being reprinted and used again in some schools. Parents are appalled by the fact that 17-year-olds are unable to fill out a simple application or read a newspaper and that many of the students entering college require remedial reading. And the parents are demanding a return to the traditional schools with emphasis on reading, writing and arithmetic. A Gallup Poll taken for the Institution for the Development of Educational Activities revealed that not only did the parents want the schools to teach the basic skills but also to share the responsibility for moral behavior of pupils by maintaining discipline and teaching such virtues as courtesy, honesty, obedience and integrity. Some commentators on the human condition believe that use of the Readers would help reestablish a law-abiding citizenry, cut crime, raise literacy and go a long way toward stabilizing society. The noted historian, Henry Steele Commager, has said, "They (the McGuffey Readers) gave the child a sense of a common body of values, a sense of common experience and a common possession." Harriet Van Horne, syndicated columnist, has said, "It was a sorry day for American education when McGuffey was superseded by show-and-tell exercises, visual aids and texts no more challenging than a highway billboard."

—Louis Wolfe



Bo Brown

"I told him he was probably the first kid on his block to have acupuncture."

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VETERANS OF WW II CHINA THEATRE SERVICE ELIGIBLE FOR CHINA WAR MEMORIAL MEDAL...

The Republic of China has issued the China War Memorial Medal, and Americans, military or civilian, who served in the China Theatre for at least 30 days between September, 1939 and September, 1945 are eligible...Those who hold the China Service Medal may not be eligible as it was awarded for service after 1945... The China Theatre is defined as: Mainland China, Formosa (Taiwan), the waters of the Yellow Sea, East and South China Seas...Also included are those who participated in the Philippine Defense, and the liberation and occupation of Okinawa...Write The Ambassador of the Republic of China, Embassy of the Republic of China, 2311 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20008...Remember to include documentation of service in those areas during the period of eligibility.

VA GETS NEW DEPUTY FOR MANPOWER . . .

VA Chief Max Cleland announced the appointment of Richard S. Sweet, 49, as Assistant Deputy Administrator for Manpower . . . Sweet, a native of Cranston, RI, was a career Army officer, retiring as a BGen . . . His newly created position will put him in charge of coordinating all manpower programs and systems in the third largest federal agency.

MASSACHUSETTS CITY HONORS VIETNAM VETS

. . . In recent ceremonies at the Memorial Square in the Village of Medway, MA, town officials dedicated a new memorial to the Vietnam era veteran . . . Citing past indifference toward these vets, Medway citizens decided to honor them in gratitude for their contribution to the US during the trying years of conflict in Southeast Asia . . . The ceremonies were highlighted by the presence of 3 Medal of Honor recipients as honored guests.

12-YEAR-OLD HERO REGAINS VA RIGHTS...

Calvin Graham's 36-year battle with the U.S. Navy is finally over...If you recall, Calvin was thrown out of the Navy during WWII because it was discovered that he lied about his age when he enlisted in 1942.... He was 12 years old at the time....Graham had to return his medals, awarded for heroism at Santa Cruz and Guadalcanal in the Pacific, and lost all veterans entitlements. ...Recently, Navy officials relented and granted Graham his honorable discharge, making him, at 48, the youngest WWII veteran in the nation.

RESPONSE FROM VETS EXPOSED TO A-TESTING NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS...

Recently the Defense Nuclear Agency announced a study to evaluate the long-term effects of low-level radiation such as that experienced by almost 300,000 service personnel who participated in nuclear tests from 1945 to 1962...A toll-free telephone line was installed by the Department of Defense... As of June first, some 22,000 veterans and servicemen have called, but that is less than 10 per cent of those who were exposed to low-level radiation under DOD auspices during those years...Anyone who participated in any sort of nuclear testing above ground while in uniform is urged to call toll-free area code 800-368-8300.

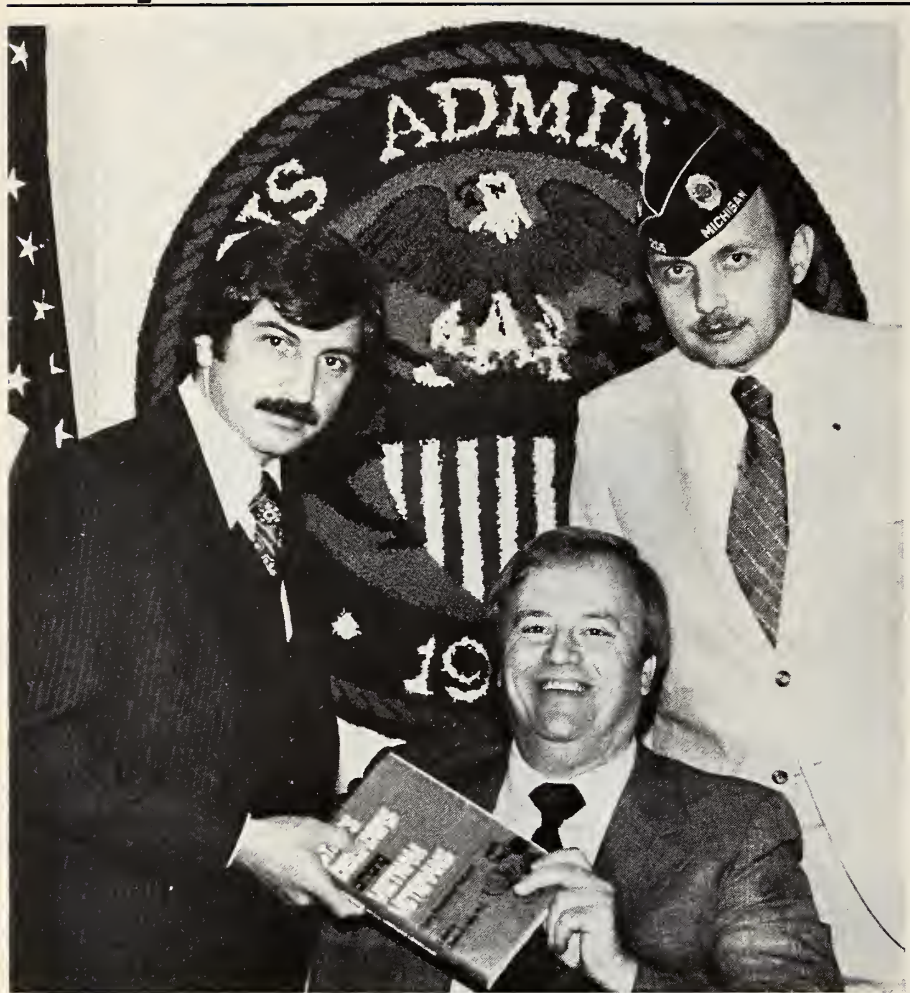


A member of the Honor Guard renders a salute to the 101st Airborne Division Monument in the Arlington National Cemetery. The monument to the "Screaming Eagles" was dedicated recently. It stands along the entrance drive to the National Cemetery

GROUND BROKEN FOR NURSING CARE WING AT PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME...

Ground was officially broken recently for a \$1.8 million, 75-bed nursing care wing at the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home in Erie, PA...Construction is expected to take 18 months...Funds came from the Veterans Administration and Pennsylvania...Opened in 1886, the Erie Home currently cares for 175 veterans, 75 of those under nursing care.

Boys, Girls Elect New Presidents



Dr. Charles Figley, left, of Purdue University presents his new book "Stress Disorders Among Vietnam Veterans" to VA Administrator Max Cleland, seated, to whom the volume is dedicated. Legion Internal Affairs Director Robert Spanogle, who worked closely with Figley in preparation of the book is at right

Author Dedicates Vietnam Book To VA Administrator Cleland

Dr. Charles R. Figley who authored the article "The Legacy of Vietnam" which appears on Page 16 made a formal presentation of his new book "Stress Disorders Among Vietnam Veterans" to Veterans Administrator Max Cleland in Washington, D.C.

The book, first of three scholarly works dealing with the psychological readjustment problems of vietnam era vets, is dedicated to Cleland, not as VA Administrator according to Figley, but as a man who is "typical of the guts and determination of the Vietnam veteran."

In accepting, Cleland marked the occasion as the "true beginning of real and professional analysis of what the war meant to those who came back."

Present at the ceremony were Dr. Figley's family and many VA officials as well as Sen. Birch Bayh (D-IN) and Rep. Floyd Fithian (D-IN) who represents Dr. Figley's home district.

American Legion Internal Affairs Director Robert Spanogle was on hand to represent the Legion which had assisted in the studies leading to publication of the book.

200 Youths See Capital In Operation

Michael A. Lopez of Denver, CO was elected president of the 1978 Boys Nation during the annual gathering of The American Legion-sponsored program in Washington. A junior at J. K. Mullen High School, President Lopez is a member of Aurora Youth Commission, Denver Commission on Youth, and Alumnus of Presidential Classrooms. He advanced to Eagle Scout in 1976 and served as class president that same year. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lopez of Denver.

Girls Nation, a program of The American Legion Auxiliary, elected Barbara Neligan of Chattanooga, TN as president. A student at Notre Dame High School, the new Girls Nation Chief Executive is president of her school Drama Club, is active in sports, and works on the school newspaper. President Neligan is also a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

The new Boys Nation vice president is Stephen J. Pfleger, a senior at Cherry Hill High School, Cherry Hill, NJ.

Girls Nation participants elected Sarah Duckers as vice president. Sarah is from Salina, KS where she is a student at Salina High School

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Joseph Keeley Succeeds Ray McHugh as Editor

Raymond J. McHugh has left The American Legion Magazine as editor.

Joseph C. Keeley, editor of the magazine from 1949 until 1963, will take charge of the magazine on an interim basis.

"I consider it a privilege to have edited the magazine of the world's largest veterans organization for the last three years," McHugh said.

The Sweetest Music Ever... From Luzon

By LEE JONES

IT WAS a hot, muggy night Aug. 10, 1945 when the Kay Kyser band was entertaining more than 10,000 GI's on northern Luzon in The Philippines.

U.S. I Corps troops were just mopping up the remnants of Japanese forces in the area.

Kyser's USO troupe was playing all the popular tunes in its inimitable style to the appreciation of stripped down GI's with perspiration glistening from their bare upper bodies when I received a piece of paper from a private from Corps headquarters.

Headquarters thought that Kyser would like to make an announcement to the GI's. The noise of battle almost drowned out the music.

During a break, I handed the paper to Kyser and told him I would like to make a wire recording of the announcement.

Interrupting the show, Kyser grabbed the microphone to announce: "Thank you, fellows...before you go I have something here that I am sure you would like to hear...we are going to record this for all posterity...a bulletin...Colonel Kirkland of I Corps has released the information that news has been officially announced that the Swiss and Swedish Governments [both neutrals] were informed by the Japanese Government that it is willing to accept the (Allied) ultimatum given them..."

The resulting uproar from the GI's drowned out the fire of battle two miles away. The band ad libbed a song of their own. The girl singers danced happily. The GI's were yelling and screaming, slapping each other on the back.

Kyser, waving the piece of paper, finally quieted the crowd.

"There's a little bit more I'm sure you'd like to hear...the Japanese Government has informed them that they are willing to accept the terms of the ultimatum given to the Japanese by the Potsdam Conference provided they can keep their Emperor..."

Another outburst of wild cheering, as the band swung into "California, Here I Come."

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They Keep Their Eyes On Vets Preference



National Commander Robert Charles Smith discusses the future of veterans' preference provisions under the administration's Civil Service reorganization with U.S. Rep. James M. Hanley (D-NY) during a visit to Capitol Hill recently

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National Commander Robert Charles Smith, with Boys Nation officers, places a wreath on The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

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Boys, Girls Nations Elect New Officers, Visit Capital

Central. Active in church and civic affairs, Sarah is president of the National Forensics League.

The usual steamy summer weather in the nation's Capitol did nothing to dampen the spirits of the 100 young people in each group. 1978 marked the 33rd year for Boys Nation conclaves and the 32nd for Girls Nation. The programs were designed to allow high school students with outstanding scholastic records and demonstrated leadership potential to participate in a comprehensive exercise in the operations of the federal government covering executive, legislative and judicial functions.

During a whirlwind week of meetings, briefings and seminars, the young men and women were also able to visit many historic and cultural sites in and around Washington including the White House, Congress and the many monuments and memorials. In a special ceremony, the Boys and Girls Nations representatives, accompanied by National Cdr. Robert Charles Smith, placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown

Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery just across the Potomac River from Washington.

There were also stops at the headquarters of the many federal departments and agencies for meetings with top officials and briefings on each operation.

Girls Nation advisors were able to avert the disappointment of having no place to take the Girls Nation group one evening when a fire in The National Theater forced cancellation of a scheduled performance of the hit Broadway musical "Annie". Quick-thinking staffers, with very little notice and 100 young women ready to see a show, were able to get tickets for Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondolier" at the renowned Wolf Trap Farm Park in rural Virginia, saving the day . . . or night.

By week's end, everyone concerned had learned much about their government, made many new friends, and had impressed the people of the city of Washington with their spirit, courtesy and eagerness to know more about the U.S. government.



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The Sweetest Music . . .

"Holy mackerel," Kyser kept repeating over the microphone. "God bless all of you. . . Say, fellows, the bridge is still out, now don't anybody get hurt as long as you have come this far. . . Holy mackerel."

Less than a month later, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped aboard the *USS Missouri* to sign the his-

toric document of surrender by the Japanese.

And I made the recording of Kyser's historic announcement on northern Luzon for posterity. I'll never forget it.

Editor's Note: Lee Jones who was attached to General MacArthur's staff in Manila as a radio officer, submitted a taped copy of his recording for authentication.

Above top to bottom; Layton K. Hurst, Girls Nation Program Coordinator, introduces speakers at a State Department briefing; Boys Nation VP Stephen Pfleger, left and Pres. Michael Lopez, second from left, meet the Republic of China's Ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency James H. Shen, at the Chinese Embassy. Boys Nation Counselor for Foreign Affairs, Frank Manson is at right; Boys Nation delegates gather to congratulate newly-elected officer

CAPITAL SCENES



Above top to bottom: Newly-elected Boys Nation President Michael Lopez, left, receives his gavel from outgoing President James Hoffman, Senate President Pro Tem Rene Lafayette of Woonsocket, RI, looks on center; former Presidential advisor Midge Costanza with Girls Nation delegates in White House Garden; Natl. Cdr. Smith exchanges greeting with new Boys Nation Senate President; Girls Nation group salutes during ceremonies at the Arlington National Cemetery



Girls Nation group takes a moment from touring the Capitol to pose for a portrait

Legion Salutes Senators Who Voted Against Canal Treaties

The 32 U.S. Senators who voted against ratification of the two treaties relinquishing American control over the Panama Canal have received commemorative plaques from The American Legion.

Recipients include Senators James Allen (D-AL), Quentin Burdick (D-ND), Harry Byrd (I-VA), James Eastland (D-MS), Wendell Ford (D-KY), Bennett Johnston (D-LA), John Melcher (D-MT), Jennings Randolph (D-WV), John Stennis (D-MS), Edward Zorinsky (D-NE), Dewey Bartlett (R-OK), Carl Curtis (R-NE), Robert Dole (R-KS),

Pete Domenici (R-NM), Jake Garn (R-UT), Barry Goldwater (R-AZ), Robert Griffin (R-MI), Clifford Hansen (R-WY), Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Jesse Helms (R-NC).

Also Sens. Paul Laxalt (R-NV), Richard Lugar (R-IN), James McClure (R-ID), William Roth (R-DE), Harrison Schmitt (R-NM), Richard Schweiker (R-PA), William Scott (R-VA), Ted Stevens (R-AK), Strom Thurmond (R-SC), John Tower (R-TX), Malcolm Wallop (R-WY), Milton Young (R-ND).

Sen. Maryon Allen accepted the plaque on behalf of her late husband.

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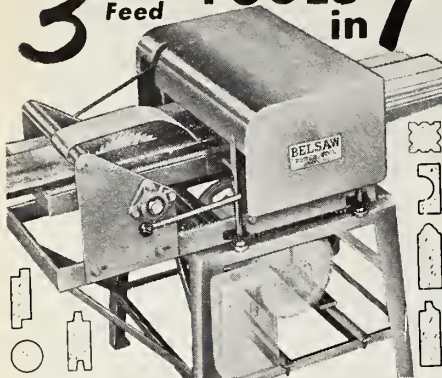
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Solomon Islands Gain Independence

Thousands of American Marines, Seabees, sailors, soldiers and airmen who ousted entrenched Japanese forces from Guadalcanal in 1943 after some of the bloodiest fighting in World War II will be happy to know that the Solomon Islands have become the world's newest nation.

After 65 years of colonial rule, the British Government handed over power to Prime Minister Peter Kenilorea in front of thousands of islanders waving green, blue and yellow flags of independence.

Representing the United States at the ceremony was Sen. John Glenn (D-OH), the first American astronaut to circle the globe in space.

The Solomon Islands will become the 150th member of the United Nations and the 37th member of the British Commonwealth.

The Solomons were a bitter battleground, particularly at Guadalcanal where U.S. forces defeated the Japanese who left 24,000 dead on the island. From Guadalcanal the American forces swept to victory in the Pacific.

Auxiliary Scholarship Winners Are Named

Winners of the 1978 American Legion Auxiliary National President's Scholarships have been announced. The scholarships of \$1,500 and \$1,000 are given annually to high school seniors in five geographical regions. Candidates must be children of veterans.

In the New England area, a \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to William E. Crowe of Salem, MA and Mary I. McGinnis of Litchfield, CT won the \$1,000 scholarship. Winners in the Mid-Atlantic area were Joseph J. Vari, Jr. of Wilmington, DE, \$1,500, and Rosemary Stosnider, St. Albans, WV. Southern area winners were Jo Ellen McLamb, Benson, NC and Virginia K. Johnston of Blackwell, OK. Gerald P. Bowles of Crandon, WI and John B. Sandage, Mason City, IA, took Midwestern area honors. Western area winners were Holly Lynn Ford, Laramie, WY and Frank E. Witt, Jr. of Augusta, MT.

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Florida Post 'Vacations For Vets' In 21st Year

Domenick Romeo of Rhode Island, saluted proudly and beamed a flashing smile as he placed his state's flag among the parade of banners honoring previous Disabled Veteran's Week participants. "Dom" was



Domenick Romeo, left, presents RI state flag to Post 257 Cdr. Maria Spaziano, second from right, as Dept. Cdr. George Derrick, right, and Dept. Vice-Cdr. Robert McDonald look on

the twenty-first disabled veteran to be hosted by Skelly-McLeod Post #257, North Miami Beach, Florida.

The post's extraordinary program began in 1957. Each succeeding year, the post has hosted a disabled veteran and his family for a week-long vacation in sunny Miami Beach.

The disabled veteran need not be a Legionnaire but is selected upon the recommendation of his state's VA Service Officer. The state to be honored during the succeeding year is chosen by lot drawn by the current vet. Florida is not included in the drawing process and will automatically become the last state to be honored in the year 2006.

Traditionally, the current veteran brings with him his state flag. Post members carry the state banners, now numbering twenty-one, in the annual November 11th Veteran's Day Parade in Miami.

Romeo, 69, saw service as a submarine sailor during WWII aboard the submarine *U.S.S. Cavello*. He suffered a permanent partial loss of hearing caused by the explosion of a five inch shell aboard the submarine tender *U.S.S. Gilmore*, while in action in the Pacific.

An electrician's mate, Dom put his experience and know-how to work upon his return to civilian life. He started an electrical contracting business in Cranston, RI, and retired in 1969. Since then, he and his wife Helen have made volunteer service work in support of disabled vets a full time career.

A life-member of the Disabled American Veterans with 30 years

service, Romeo was Rhode Island's DAV Department Commander in 1958, and presently is the DAV National Executive Committeeman (Alt.) from that state.

Surrounded by colorful state flags representing previous honorees, Post Commander Maria Spaziano opened the week's activities at the "welcome" banquet by recruiting Romeo into the American Legion. He delighted the audience by removing his NECman's cap and promptly donning the traditional head gear of "blue-cap Legionnaire" in North Miami Beach Post # 257.

Guests for the special welcome party included North Miami Beach Mayor Wally Peteszki, who read his city's annual proclamation naming Romeo as this year's veteran. Also taking part in the ceremonies were Department of Florida Legion Commander George Derrick, Department of Florida Jewish War Veterans Commander Norton Leff, Forty & Eight Cheminot Nationale (FL) Norman Deethardt and DAV NECman Bernard Frank of Maryland. Vacation week activities range from lazing in the sun to visits to Miami's famed Seaquarium and Parrot Jungle, with evenings out on the town. All the activities are complimentary for the vacationing veteran and his family, including the use of a new car for independent jaunts. The final event of the week is a departure banquet sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Post #257.

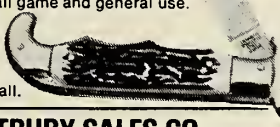
During the final festivities, Romeo drew a slip of paper bearing the name of Massachusetts as next year's honor state.

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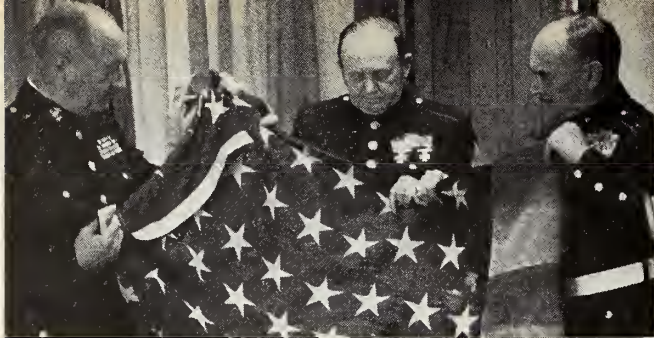
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A bit of history returns home as former Marine GySgt. Ted Semick, center, presents the flag which flew over Guadalcanal and Peleliu during WW 2 to Col. James P. Kehoe, left, 4th Marine Corps District Director in Philadelphia. At right is Master GySgt Bob Green of Post 20, Philadelphia. The battle-scarred banner will be forwarded to the Headquarters of the 11th Marine Regt, Camp Pendleton, CA. Semick fought with the 11th in the Pacific.



Roger Lantagne, Commander of Post 1, Paris, France, right, accepts a check from Frank Corrigan, 1st Vice-Cdr and Department of France Chess Chairman as Mrs. Corrigan, left, looks on. The check represents the proceeds from this year's annual Open International Charities Chess Tournament organized by the department. The funds are used in support of many charitable activities



Al McGuire, Commander of Post 10, Wilmington, NC, left, presents the ROTC Military Scholastic Award to Cadet Cpl. Curtis W. Herring, ninth-grader at Williston Jr. High School. The young cadet is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Herring of Wilmington. Mr. Herring is Post 10 Historian and Department Sergeant-at-Arms.

Citizen Of The Year

Carlyle J. Dennis, past commander of Post 193, Cape May, NJ and past county commander, was recently named as one of Cape May's Citizens of the Year.



The recognition honors Dennis for his dedication to veterans and civic activities since he has been a resident of Cape May.

Retired from the Coast Guard in 1958, Dennis has organized Cape May's Memorial Day observances for 31 years. Legion activities include Boy's State, scholarship program, Oratorical and many others. Until 1975, he was transportation coordinator and attendance officer with the Lower Cape May Regional School District.

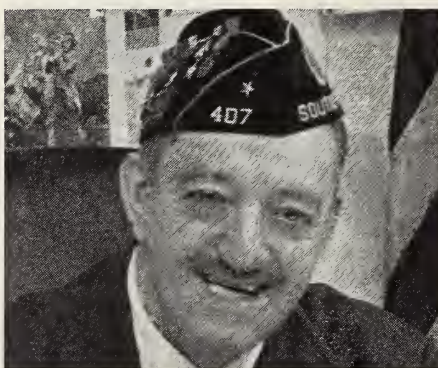
POSTS IN ACTION



The leadership of Post 45 and Auxiliary Unit 45, Palatka, FL visited the Gainesville VA hospital to inspect equipment used in occupational therapy which the post and unit had purchased. Left to right: Legion Hospital representative James F. Drew; Eleanor Drew, Auxiliary Hospital Representative; Unit 45 President Mabel Clark; Gainesville Hospital's Chief of Occupational Therapy Leslie Samuelson; VA Chief of Voluntary Services at Gainesville Ralph Norman; and Post 45 Cdr Fred Clark

U.S. Senator Honored

U.S. Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R-PA) was honored at the 60th Annual Pennsylvania Department Convention. The citation was awarded Sen. Schweiker "for outstanding support of veterans' legislation" and "courageous vote...on the Panama Canal Treaties." Schweiker voted in opposition to the treaties.



Col. Arthur C. Becker, Director of Civil Defense for Southfield, MI and member of Southfield Post 407, was recently honored at the Annual Civil Defense Director's Association of Michigan Conference. The citation recognized Becker's 16 years of dedicated service to the community in the field of Civil Defense. Becker is Civil Defense Chairman for Post 407.



Joseph David Dufault, left, of Cape May, NJ receives a medal for bravery from County Commander Tom Behr. The 11-year-old was cited by the members of Harry Snyder Post 193, Cape May for his bravery in rescuing a woman swimmer being pulled to sea by the undertow in 1977. The youth could not overcome the rushing tide, but stayed with the woman until other rescuers arrived.



Members of Post 1038, Valhalla, NY pay tribute to their deceased comrades during Memorial Day observances. Pictured left to right are Legionnaires R. Rudowsky, R. O'Shell, I. Keagle, J. Dandreano, D. Sfamurri, and H. Stuart.

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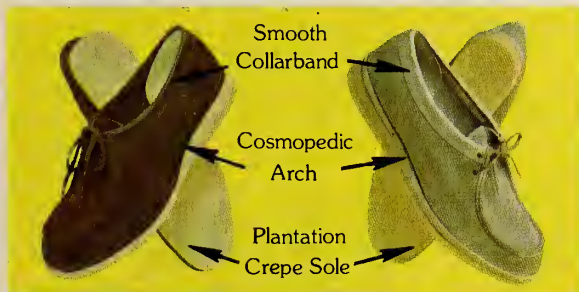
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Dorothy L. Rowe Is Selected for Honor

North Tampa, FL, Post 334 thought enough of their newly-installed Commander to include the honor of being named Legionnaire of the Year. Such recognition cannot go begging, and Dorothy L. Rowe has also been selected as "Legionnaire of the Month." A veteran of more than 20 years in the Navy Nurse Corps, Dorothy has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments in Legion work, and with other veterans organizations as well.

Cdr. Rowe first joined the Legion in 1973. Since then she has served as Post Adjutant of Tampa Womens



Dorothy L. Rowe

Post 134, Commander of Sulphur Springs Post 89, and Post 334 Adjutant in addition to editing the North Tampa 334 News.

At the District level, Dorothy was 15th Dist. Historian in 1975, Sergeant-at-Arms in 1976, Commander in 1977, and Executive Committeeman in 1978. Her many committee appointments include the Oratorical. Presently, Cdr. Rowe is Central Area Membership Chairman, a post she also held last year. She served as well as Chairman of the Florida Department's Women Legionnaire Activities, plus being a member of the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires. With a record like that, the vote was no contest. Dorothy L. Rowe, Cdr., North Tampa Post 334 receives congratulations for her efforts and for being picked as "Legionnaire of the Month."

TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, US Government, or other forms of national prominence.

John B. Barnard, Jr., 53, died in April. Mr. Barnard was Dept. Cdr. for the CO American Legion (1954-55).

Charles L. Wooley, 84, died recently in Providence, RI. Mr. Wooley was the former Nat'l Vice Cdr. of the Legion (1933-34), Nat'l Exec. Committeeman (1934-35) and Dept. Cdr. (1929-30).

G. H. Gilliland, died recently in Glendale, CA. Mr. Gilliland a veteran of WWI drafted a resolution in 1954 to add "GOD" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vincent John Maxheim, 71, died in May in Clinton, IA. A life member of the Legion, Mr. Maxheim served as Department of Iowa public relations director and editor of the Iowa 'Legionnaire'.

Thomas W. Barnett, 54, died recently. Mr. Barnett was past commander of Post 14, Department of France, and was named 'Honorary Department Commander' during 1977 Department of France convention.

James P. Bradley died recently in Los Angeles. He was alternate National Executive Committeeman (1968-70).

Monsignor Patrick J. Ryan, 75, died in June in Washington, DC. Monsignor Ryan was the former chief of Chaplains for the Army and a noted Legionnaire. He was appointed chief of chaplains in 1954 by then President Eisenhower after almost 30 years in the Army.

Hon. William A. Purtell, former US Senator (1952-58) from Connecticut died in May. Purtell was a member of Post 8, Hartford, CT and former Dept. Chaplain (1936-37). In 1957, he was recipient of the Americanism Award.

Frank C. Moore, 82, died recently in Kenmore, NY. Mr. Moore was a charter and life member of Post 205, Kenmore and served the state of New York as Comptroller and Lieutenant Governor.

Matthew Boonstra, Aviator's Post 46th Commander, New York, died recently. Mr. Boonstra served in the Troop Carrier Command in the Asiatic Pacific Theater during WWII and in Korea (1951-54). He flew a total of 200 missions in Vietnam (1968-70) as the oldest combat pilot on active duty.

J. Perry Cole, 88, died recently. He served as National Executive Committeeman, Louisiana, (1943-45).

Giles A. Reeve, former National Executive Committeeman (1975-77) and Michigan Department Cdr. died in July. He was serving on the National Public Relations Commission at the time of his death.

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ACCORDING to statistics compiled by the National Safety Council, hunting accidents are relatively few, only several hundred annually compared to the thousands on highways caused by automobiles, additional thousands in the house, at work, etc. But these accident statistics are misleading. Hunting accidents are classified as those involving the discharge of a firearm. Not taken into account are related accidents such as coronary problems caused by sudden over-exertion, broken arms and legs due to falls, muscular sprains and various infections due to improper precautions.

Too many sportsmen, after sitting for months at an office desk, take hunting trips for several days or more, covering as much as ten miles per day over hill and dale, without adequate physical conditioning. Hunters over 40 years of age, and even younger ones who suspect they are out of condition, should have an examination by a qualified doctor. This should include an EKG (electro-cardiogram) to test heart function. The doctor will also prescribe exercise (perhaps jogging) to strengthen flagging muscles and improve circulation and breathing. If a hunter requires eyeglasses to correct his vision, he should by all means wear them on his hunting trip; many leave glasses home in fear they might lose them. Handicapped by impaired vision, not only can't they use their firearm sighting equipment efficiently, but they can't be sure of their rifle target which in some case might be another hunter rather than a game animal. Glasses, including sunglasses for hunters who don't require corrective lenses, are necessary also to protect the eyes against twigs which might scratch them and cause infection. One hunter lost his eyesight when a twig brushed his face and scratched his eyes.

The color of hunting clothing is important. Fluorescent yellow or orange is advised so the sportsman can quickly and easily be identified by other hunters. Bright colors will not spook deer. These animals are color blind, seeing them only as light gray, and will not become alarmed except by a quick motion of the hunter. A hunter's boots must be broken-in thoroughly before his trip. If they are uncomfortable, causing blistering, they may un-

consciously influence his stability and cause a serious fall. The soles of boots must be slip-proof to prevent falls when climbing rocky ground or stone walls, especially in damp weather or when crossing brooks. Air temperature usually drops in the evening when hunting stops, and then the daytime clothing is insufficient to protect his perspiring body. Therefore an extra garment, such as a sweater, is necessary and easily carried folded in his jacket or tied around the waist. A folded piece of plastic insures a dry seat on a wet log.

When negotiating a stone wall or fence, he should place his firearm on the other side of it first, not climb with the firearm in his hands where he might drop it, causing its accidental discharge should he slip and fall. The gun's safety should be "on" at all times until the target is seen and the gun is about to be fired. The safest sight for a deer rifle is the telescopic type of 2X (two power magnification) although he may be able to sight more accurately with an iron sight such as the peep-sight. The magnification of the telescope enables him to identify his target with certainty. In any case, before shooting he should be sure of the background behind target. It should be one that will stop the bullet should it go astray, such as an earthen bank, hill or thick stand of trees. Even the relatively inoffensive little .22 can be lethal at ranges up to a mile. Never should a hunter fire his rifle when a stray bullet from it might carry into a valley or toward distant farmhouses, even if it means passing up a shot at a fine game animal. A hunter should carry in his pocket only the correct ammunition for the firearm he is using, not an assortment for other guns he may have left at camp or in his car. In a number of cases, the wrong ammo has been inadvertently chambered in a rifle or shotgun during the excitement of the chase and has caused the gun to burst when it was fired, seriously injuring the hunter. He should be careful when hunting never to rest the gun's muzzle in mud or snow; a clogged barrel will also cause the gun to burst when fired. The safest hunter is one who prepares carefully for his trip, uses common sense and before he fires, is sure of his target.

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Despite the ever-increasing efficiency of air freight, it appears quite obvious that air couriers are in the worldwide swift delivery business to stay. "For pretty much the same reasons as sending men to the moon," says Ray Gray. "It would have been quite possible to rocket a device to the moon which would have performed almost all the tasks which the astronauts performed, at much less cost. But there's no substitute for having the mind of a human being on the scene to make critical decisions and to react to the unexpected in a way that no system or machine could. Our couriers are worth what the client pays because they know when to switch planes in order to make a better connection at their destination, how to charm their way through rigid Customs or Immigration barriers, when to double-check on the identity of the individual claiming to be an authorized recipient. There will always be a need for personal service in connection with the safe, swift delivery of valuable items, not airport-to-airport, but door-to-door. Couriers have had this kind of responsibility since the dawn of history and there is no reason to think that things have substantially changed just because we are now in the supersonic era."

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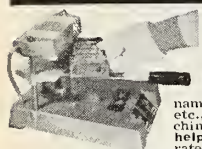


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- 1) You can build a contingency cash fund.
- 2) Try to continue the group health insurance you have via your employer, union or fraternal organization.
- 3) Look into "wrap-around" health insurance. In essence, this plugs up the holes in Medicare or other insurance you may have.
- 4) Investigate Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plans if there are any in your area. These provide all-around medical care.
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2. Now multiply the same categories in the official cost-of-living index for your area by your own percentages (or "weights"). For instance, if the c-of-l index figure for food in your area is 200, and your percentage for that category is 25 percent, your answer is 50.

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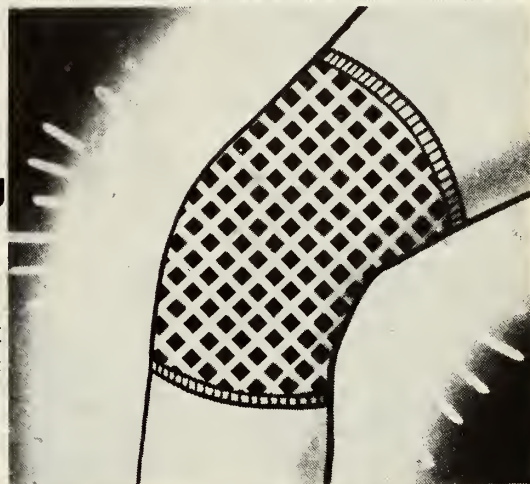
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Mounting the Threat, by John J. T. Sweet. Presidio Press, San Rafael, CA, 142 pp. \$12.95.

British General Montgomery's role in the liberation of Western Europe during World War II has been the subject of controversy. This book deals with Montgomery's break out from Normandy following D-Day. Had Montgomery deliberately lied to the Americans about the objective of his mission? Did his campaign lack aggressiveness and achievement? This book addresses the controversy.

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American and Soviet Military Trends Since the Cuban Missile Crisis, by John M. Collins. The Center for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 496 pp. \$6.95.

Originally commissioned by Senator John C. Culver (D-IA) as an in-depth analysis, this is a remarkable compendium of facts and figures about the balance of military strength between the two super-powers. Not casual reading, the book uses extremely detailed comparisons of strategic and conventional systems, actually matching weapon against weapon in support of the contention that Soviet gains over the past one and one-half decades are devastatingly damaging to the U.S. world position.

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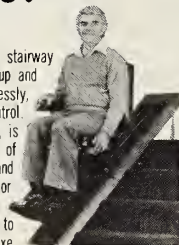
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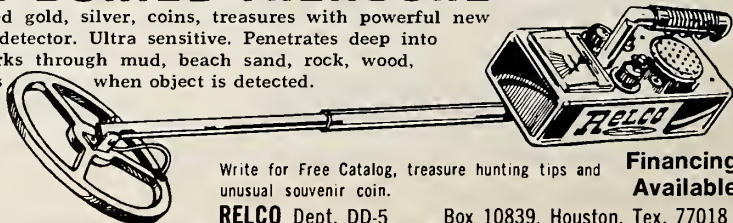
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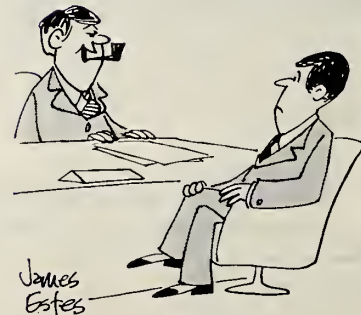
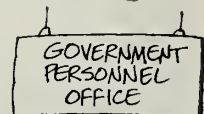
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